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NEWSLETTER

DEC., 1962

Greetings, News, and Inspiration

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg - 10.15
Westover - 11.35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg: 11.15
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Dear Friend:

We welcome you as reader of our newsletter, and we hope you enjoy reading it so much that you'll look forward to another issue next month. Don't forget to let us know, if only to encourage the pastor.

To keep in touch with everyone, far or near, whether ill or well, has always been a problem for the church, whose people are busy, and perhaps especially for the pastor who is still a university student. Of course you realize it is impossible for him to call on everyone in the community and on our friends outside. Let us hope that this little paper will draw us into a closer and livelier fellowship.

As you will see from pages two and three, the purpose of our newsletter is not only to inform, but also to inspire - to strengthen your heart, mind, and soul with Christian faith and hope. How desperately do we need a secure base in this world of change and trouble. We'd best have

"....an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's
love."

The printing of this paper is only possible with the generous help of the Niagara-Hamilton Association and especially First Church of Welland which supplies the pages that follow. The cost is about 3¢ per copy, or 5¢ if mailed.

You are invited to contribute news items, brief devotional messages, and poems to this front page. Please address them to the pastor.

If you are sick or wish the pastor to visit you, please get promptly in touch with him. We assure you of our prayers.

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Text-of-the-Month: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn.3:16)

Parsonage: R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

The Active Church At Mountsburg:

PRAYER MEETING biweekly at 8.15 p.m.

(in December on the 6th only).

MISSION BAND, for the younger children, every Sunday during the Service.

LADIES' AID, first Wednesday afternoon.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: singing, films, etc.:
Dec. 7; Jan. 4; at 8 p.m. Bring the children.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SUPPER and SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONCERT: Dec. 14, 6.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE, jointly
at Westover on December 23.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: Dec. 31, 11.15 p.m.

. . . At Westover:

PRAYER MEETING byweekly at 8.15 p.m.

(in December on the 12th only).

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE, second Wednesday
afternoon, Dec. 12, 2 p.m., at the home
of Mrs. Miller McDonough. All women are
cordially invited.FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: singing, films, etc.:
Dec. 5; Jan. 2; at 8 p.m. Bring the
whole family.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S, Sundays at 7.15 p.m.

Ages 12 and up welcome.

BROWNIES meet Mondays at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT:

Sunday, Dec. 16, 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:

Sunday, Dec. 23rd., 8 p.m.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE - at Mountsburg.

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Can you answer this simple question which
a S.S. scholar asked of his teacher re-
cently? - "Who made God?"

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September 16th., 1962, a.m.:

We unanimously resolved that "we become
self-supporting in all haste." Now we
only need to do it.

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Be a booster.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The following beautiful composition was captured during the war at Charleston, South Carolina. It was originally printed on very heavy satin and bore the date of July 4, 1823. A copy from the original was picked up in Corinth, Missouri, by Mr. A. P. Green of Auburn, Indiana, on the morning the rebel forces evacuated the Mississippi town - May 30, 1862.)

Thou to the Mercy Seat our souls doth
gather
To do our duty to thee,
OUR FATHER,
To whom all praise, all honour should
be given,
For Thou art the great God
WHO ART IN HEAVEN.
Thou by Thy wisdom rulest the world's
whole fame;
Forever, therefore,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
Let nevermore delays divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but
THY KINGDOM COME.
Let Thy commands opposed be by none,
But Thy good pleasure and
THY WILL BE DONE;
And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
Then, for our soul, O Lord, we also
pray,
Thou wouldst be pleased to
GIVE US THIS DAY
The food of life wherewith our souls
are fed,
Sufficient raiment and
OUR DAILY BREAD.
With every needful thing do Thou
relieve us,
And of Thy mercy pity
AND FORGIVE US.
All our misdeeds for Him whom
Thou didst please to make an offering
for
OUR TRESPASSES,
And, forasmuch, O Lord, as we believe
That Thou wilt pardon us
AS WE FORGIVE,
Let that love teach, wherewith Thou
dost acquaint us,
To pardon all
THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US,

And though, sometimes, Thou findest
we have forgot
This love for Thee, yet help
AND LEAD US NOT
Though soul and body want, to
desperation,
Nor let earth's gain drive us
INTO TEMPTATION;
Let not the soul of any true believer
Fall in time of trial,
BUT DELIVER,
Yea, save him from the malice of the
devil,
And both in life and death keep
US FROM EVIL.
Thus pray we Lord for that, of Thee
from whom
This may be had:
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
This world is of Thy work, its
wondrous story
To Thee belongs
THE POWER AND THE GLORY,
And all Thy wondrous works have ended
never,
But will remain forever and
FOR EVER.
Thus, we poor creatures would confess
again,
And thus would say eternally,
AMEN!

BE GLAD OF LIFE

"Be glad of life because it gives you a chance to love, to work and to play. Be satisfied with your possessions, and not content yourself until you have made the best of them. Despise nothing in the world but falsehood and meanness. Fear nothing in the world except cowardice. Be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts. Covet nothing of your neighbour's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner. Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ."

- Selected.

THE NIGHT THE BURGLAR CAME

At midnight a burglar entered the parsonage and up the creaky stairs. He was rummaging in the bedroom when he suddenly became aware that the occupant was awake. Drawing his gun, he said, "If you stir you are a dead man. I'm hunting for your money." The minister replied, "I'll put on a light and hunt with you."

WHAT CAN I DO?

As a loyal church member, what can I do?

1. I CAN ATTEND.

Do I realize how important this is? An empty seat, empty because I am absent, is a poor witness of my Christian faith. My attendance is my witness that I realize the importance of worship in my own life, and the importance of my influence upon others. I can determine to make Church going a habit "in season and out of season." I can be in my place every Sunday, unless hindered by some valid reason beyond my control. In the summer, when I am away from home, I can attend the nearest church.

2. I CAN COMMEND.

I can say a good word about my church to others. I can invite my neighbor, or a newcomer to the community to come to church. Above all, I can commend my church to others by the way I live. My Christian attitudes and conduct will commend my church to others.

3. I CAN DEFEND.

The church has many critics who are ready to tell us what is wrong with the church. I can be one who asks "What's right with the church?" I can think and act positively where the church is concerned. The church has its weaknesses and failings, because it is composed of human beings like myself, but I shall never forget that it is the church of the Living God. It is the place where God meets with Sinners to forgive and to restore them. It is the body of Christ through which He speaks and acts today.

4. I CAN BEFRIEND.

I shall befriend my church by "being-a-friend" when I come. I shall try to realize that Christian fellowship is at the heart of church life. I shall try to be friendly, to speak to someone I do not know at the close of the service. Per-

haps he may be a stranger and my word of greeting may make all the difference. I shall try to make my church a friendly church. I shall try to work with others in harmony and with good-will, that Christian fellowship may be a reality and not just an ideal.

5. I CAN EXTEND.

I shall be one of those who is reaching out to others who are not yet within the fellowship to encourage them to find what the church has to offer. I shall seek to extend the influence of the church to all the countries of this world. I shall pray "Thy kingdom come," and then I shall try to live out that prayer.

--Rev. Moir A.J. Waters

OPTIMISM

Talk HAPPINESS. The world is sad enough without your woes. No path is wholly rough;

Look for the places that are smooth and clear,

And speak of those, to rest the weary ear of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain

Of human discontent and grief and pain.

Talk FAITH. The world is better off without

Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt. If you have faith in God, or man, or self, Say so. If not, push back upon the shelf Of silence all your thoughts, till faith shall come;

No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

Talk HEALTH. The dreary, never-changing tale

Of mortal maladies is worn and stale. You cannot charm, or interest, or please By harping on that minor chord, disease. Say you are well, or all is well with you,

And God shall hear your words and make them true.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox

We have to remember too that "Speeches are like wagon-wheels - the longer the spoke the greater the tire."

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Dear Friend:

A happy New Year to everyone!

May God richly bless you!

What will 1963 hold for you and me? One thing is sure: with faith in God's love and power we can face every trial without fear. See the text below, from 1 John 4.

"O SOUL OF MINE"

(One day in 1924, the writer of this poem was not well enough to attend the church prayer meeting; but when he opened the Bible for himself, the lines of "O Soul of Mine" came to him, and he had to send away for ink and paper to set them down.)

O soul of mine, if thou would'st be
From every doubt and fear set free,
Just trust in Him whose blood was shed
To quicken thee from out the dead.

O soul of mine, why linger there
On that low plane of self and care?
He bids thee rise above all ill;
He waits to whisper "Peace be still."

O soul of mine, why dost thou wait
As if He said some future date:
Today is His accepted time;
Today Salvation may be thine.

O soul of mine, He waits for thee:
Though guilty, vile as thou canst be,
He'll pardon, cleanse and make thee whole;
He'll not reject thee, O my soul.

O soul of mine, thou didst obey
The call that came to thee that day:
And now, O Soul, at peace thou art;
Now never from thy Lord depart.

O soul of mine, rejoice and sing,
Sing praises to Thy heavenly King,
Who lifted thee from out the clay;
Now shalt thou e'er forget that day.

- Frank Holden

The Active Church

. . . . At Mountsburg:

MISSION SERVICE: Jan. 6, 10:15 a.m. Special music. Bring your neighbours.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: Fri., Jan. 4, 8 p.m.

Your friends are very welcome. (Feb. 1)

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY: every second Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. We urgently need your support.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: towards the end of January. All are invited. Lunch.

. . . . At Westover:

MISSION SUNDAY: Jan. 6. The Westover

Mission Circle will conduct the service in observance of their 80th Anniversary. The pastor will preach. A hearty invitation is extended to everyone.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, Jan 9, 8 p.m. Fun for all. (Feb. 7)

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: every second Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: towards the end of January. All are urged to attend.

We welcome into our church family at Westover Mark Benjamin Mills, born on Dec. 18, a brother to Kathy, Kenny, Colleen, and John. Congratulations and God's rich blessings to the parents, Trudy and Ken.

Our New Canadian Baptist Missionary Bulletin

During 1963 you will receive monthly the "ADVANCE" to let you share the joys and sorrows of our missionaries, at home and overseas. Your help is greatly needed in every way, especially your prayers (page 4).

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and relatives of Mr. Milford Watson who died on Sunday, December 2, 1962. Milford was an associate member of Mountsburg Church. We thank God for his Christian witness and willing service.

Text-of-the-Month: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear."

A PLAIN MAN'S PRAYER

(The following prayer was printed more than a year ago on the front page of the weekly calendar of the Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.)

"Good God, I put up this prayer to you because I have to. I don't know how it works -- this praying business, I mean-- but there must be something to it, or I wouldn't feel the urge to pray whenever things go wrong with the world, with my job, with my buddies, and the fellows that don't like me, with my family, and most of all with me.

"I do so many ornery things I know I shouldn't, and I fail to do so much I know I should. I'm inwardly ashamed, though I don't often admit it. I'm not the man I ought to be. I'm not the man I want to be. I try and keep on trying, but I miss, I bungle, I get confused and so frequently flirt with despair.

"Yet there is something in me that keeps me climbing, hoping, yearning, dreaming, believing that the struggle's all important. I know I must not quit. It must be you, God, stirring me, luring me, goading me to place the man. If so, I want to thank you, for without such help I don't know where I'd be.

"They tell me Jesus showed us the kind of a God you are: a Father who understands us, loves us, feels with us, does all that can be done to help us. Well, I am a father, too. I love my kids. There is nothing I wouldn't do for them -- if only they'd let me. But so often they don't; they think they know best. They want to do as they please. They resent my suggestions and if I try to force them to do as I say it only makes them peeved. I guess I'm like that with you, God, I wonder if it hurts you if I ignore or disobey you, the way it makes me ache inside when my youngsters pay no attention to me. If it does, I am sorry. Please forgive me. Give me sense enough to understand that the lasting joy there is comes from going along with you in your all-wise way.

"Maybe that is the trouble with most of

us. Each man, each nation, is so concerned with his own selfish interests he doesn't care enough about all of us together. So we have quarrels, scraps, strikes, wars, and the human family gets torn to pieces. Oh, God, help us to sense our sin and stop it. Help us to live together like a decent, self-respecting family should. Help us to quit making our own hell. Teach us how to make heaven on earth, here and now.

"Finally, God, I want you to know I love you and though I don't know how to say it without seeming sentimental, I love everybody--really. The whole world is one family, isn't it, God -- and we ought to stick together, for your sake, as well as our own.

"Thank you, God, for letting me talk to you a while. It helps a lot. Amen."

T A K E H I M

"The best thing a parent can do for a child is to take him to church, not send him - take him, not intermittently but regularly every Sunday and let him saturate his unconscious mind with the great ideas of religion. Let him hear from the pulpit, until they become part of his life, the noblest passages from the Bible. Let him learn to love the hymns of the Church, which sing of faith and goodness and strength of character. Let him hear sermons; sometimes they may indeed be dull and musty and frequently they may be over his head, but they will give him the idea that honor, purity, righteousness and decency are virtues to be cultivated. He will get the conviction into his system so that it will never be eradicated, that a real man is one of character and honor."

-Norman Vincent Peale

CONFUSED

I thought that foreign children
Lived far across the sea,
Until I got a letter
From a Chinese boy, like me.
"Dear little foreign friend," it said
As plainly as could be:
Now I wonder which is foreign,
That other boy or me?

WHY ATTEND CHURCH?

There are various reasons why one should go to church. One of these is that if you do not attend - and not merely attend but enter into its on-going life - you are a parasite! The church is the chief conservator of spiritual values, and it is the institutional embodiment of our Christian heritage. During the Dark Ages it preserved not only religion but civilization; it has fostered the spread of education throughout the centuries; it has nourished the spirit of democracy; it has built moral attitudes into the lives of millions of persons; it has made people more humane in their treatment of the weak and underprivileged; it has goaded consciences to abolish slavery; it has lifted the position of women and children. We are the inheritors of this freedom and this humanization, in which the church has not been the sole but has been the chief agent. To turn our backs on the church is to cast off our cultural parentage.

A second reason why you need to go to church is that the church needs you Its major need is for active and intelligent leadership, in congregations as in pulpits. It has done great things; it can do greater.....

The basic reason for attending church is that it offers you corporate worship of God in the name of Christ. Churches are not cinemas, soda-fountains, or concert-halls, and are not to be judged by the amount of entertainment they provide. They are places of worship, for the nourishment of the good life, and for Christian fellowship. Conceivably one might maintain a growing religious experience without the church... but not many people do.

Georgia Harkness

ON SPEAKING TERMS

"So you haven't spoken to your wife for three years? Why?" asked the judge. Replied the husband, "Your honour, I didn't want to interrupt her."

ALIBI TEST FOR CHURCH-DODGERS

(Reproduced from Your Life)

See if you can find your favourite alibi for not going to church in the following list. The most popular, time-honored, age-in-the-wood reasons are included.... Put a check mark opposite each alibi that sounds like a direct quote of yourself.

I had enough churchgoing when I was a kid_____.

I do my worshipping in my own way_____.

The minister annoys me by:

His political opinions_____?

Giving dull sermons_____.

Preaching too much gospel_____.

Preaching too little gospel_____.

His style of public speaking_____.

The church is too cold and the seats too hard_____.

They're always asking for money_____.

God's outdoors is my cathedral_____.

Sunday is the only day I have to-

Spend time with the kids_____.

Get caught up on my rest_____.

Devote to my hobbies_____.

Get out into the open_____.

Do things around the house_____.

Chin with my friends_____.

Catch up on the week's news_____.

The congregation is too stuffy_____.

They'll talk to me into joining_____.

Too many churchgoers are hypocrites_____.

There's more real religion outside the church than within_____.

My wife does the churchgoing in our family_____.

I'm too lazy and don't want to go any-way_____.

Everyone of the above alibis is useful but the only one that is 100% honest is the last. If you checked any one of the above alibis but didn't put a teeny-weeny check mark after the last one-- well, let's be honest, now: are you sure you haven't made an error of omission?

SAY IT AGAIN!

Many of us would agree with G. K. Chesterton that, although it is possible to break an alcoholic of his habit by showing him the condition of his liver, it is both more wholesome and more effective to do so by confronting him with the purity of Christ.

MOUNTSBURG

BAPTIST CHURCH

WESTOVER

NO. 3

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Dear Friends:

Today there comes to you the third NEWSLETTER, since we began this venture last December. We hope they are accomplishing their purpose; that they inform you, inspire you, and draw you closer into our Christian fellowship. A very special welcome to you, if you are a reader for the first time. Give us your name and address, so we can send you our NEWSLETTER regularly.

We trust you are well in every way; that you are not suffering from unemployment, grief, or any serious problem, for your Church needs you. We need your attendance at our Worship Services; we need the willing work of your hands; we need your gifts; yet above all we need your prayers. Please pray for our senior citizens, and for our sick folk: Mrs. Hysert, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Shanks, Sharon Howard, Peter Jordt, and anyone you know is ill.

If you check "Wednesday" in the prayer calendar of this month's "ADVANCE", you will notice that this missionary bulletin serves our needs, too.

In Lighter Vein

When a fellow breaks a date, he usually has to. When a girl breaks a date, she usually has two.

Annual Meeting of Westover Church

On Jan. 24, we met for a harmonious meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ego. Brrrrr...it was cold out! 20 below zero! We recorded in our minutes our sincere thanks to all our church officers for their faithful service during 1962. The charge of our community Sunday School was laid upon Deacon Frank Holden, as Superintendent. Among our plans for '63 are another Vacation Bible School this summer and our joint efforts to meet a proposed budget of \$2,549.50, which we adopted by vote.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg and Westover

COMMUNION SERVICE: Feb. 10

INSTALLATION SERVICE: Feb. 17

For our new Church Officers. All Officers for 1963 are asked to come.

FIRST DAY OF LENT: Feb. 27

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: at 8 p.m.

MOUNTSBURG: Mar. 1 and Mar. 29

WESTOVER: Mar. 6 and Apr. 3

A special program is planned for each night besides the showing of films.

Come yourself and bring a friend.

PRAYER MEETING: to be announced.

(Cont'd from first col.) In 1963 the Church will pay half the subscription price of The Canadian Baptist for any of our friends who wish to read our biweekly Church paper. The cost to you is 75¢ for the whole year. If you couldn't attend our meeting this year, we are sorry you missed an interesting evening and a lovely lunch. Perhaps you can make it next year.

A Girl!

We all rejoice with Doug and Babs Wingrove over the safe arrival of their first child, on January 30. We extend our best wishes and pray you will receive God's blessing as a family.

Call Your Minister

- when you are facing a serious problem
- when someone is interested in Church
- when there is illness or death
- when you face an important decision
- When someone desires to become a Christian
- when you have a spiritual problem

Text-of-the-Month: 1 Timothy 4:10 - "We both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

N. B. Westover Y.P. - Clothing Drive

WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

February 1963

Dear Christian Friends:

On behalf of the Finance Committee I wish to thank all friends and members once again for their support of our Church in the year of 1962.

I mentioned in the Budget letter of the past year that we were endeavouring to make much-needed repairs to the Church. The front steps, railings and storm windows were added for your safety and comfort. In addition to these expenses we held a Vacation Bible School and sent several Sunday School scholars to Camp Oneida, which proved to be beneficial for our youth. With all these good news we only regret to report that the total expenses for the year inevitably exceeded your gifts and offerings.

In regard to the Budget for 1963, which the Church adopted at the Annual Meeting last month, we have increased our Minister's salary and decided to accept a lesser grant from the Home Mission Board. The Church property has been surveyed for the purpose of receiving a clear deed. Eavestroughing needs urgently to be done, and we are planning to increase the presently inadequate Insurance on the Church building and to add Public Liability Insurance for the protection of all who come and go. At the present time, we are putting out a NEWSLETTER, which we hope you enjoy.

We pray you will continue to support God's work regularly, for its success depends on you.

"Great things HE hath done."

Yours sincerely,



Ivan McDonough,
Chairman.

Budget for 1963

Minister's Salary	1332.	Canadian Bible Society	10.
Caretaker's Wages	156.	Ontario Temperance Fed.	5.
Special Speakers	50.	Lord's Day Alliance	5.
Christmas Gifts	30.	The Canadian Baptist	5.
Church Supplies (incl. S.S.,		Insurance	16.
VBS., Pulpit, Literature)	80.	Hydro	50.
Association Allotment	20.	Fuel Oil	175.
Mission Budget	220.	Maintenance & Repairs:	
Camp (Oneida) Fund	25.	Deed	250.
Ministers' Fellowship Fund	5.	Eavestroughing	60.
Convention Delegates' Exp.	10.	Fruit & Flowers	25.
Membership Fees	5.50	Bank Charges	5.
Bap. Fed. & World Alliance	10.		

\$2,549.50

I AM THINE ...

I am a voice From all the clamoring demands and seductive allurements of a noisy world, I woo you to the Mansions of your soul.

I am a mountain peak. From supernal summits I bid you behold a land of far-stretching distances. I let you look upon the stars you never knew were there..

I am a refuge. When through your heart creeps the desolation of despair; when you wander, lost and lonely, among the grey hills of grief, I seek you out and guide to the only Sanctuary of the soul.

I am a friend. I share your hours jeweled with joy; I bare my heart to your sorrow.

I am a shepherd. Amid tangled times and confusing tongues I make straight the highway that leads to man's Sufficient Saviour.

I am a nerve. O'er me flies the impulses of deeply dedicated souls to Earth's outer anguish and City's nearest need.

I am a mother. All the good within you is born of my birth pangs; for you I have endured with patience and sacrificed with joy. My faith in you has never failed. Through centuries I have waited and suffered that your steps might be pure.

I am your Church. I call you to my heart. I seek your service. I who have nourished you bid you to open to me the Gates of Larger Life.

- William Henry Boddy.

A GREAT MAN'S ADVICE

To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered, to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation; above all, on the same condition, to keep friends with himself; here is a task for all a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

HERE IS WHY I GO TO CHURCH IN BAD WEATHER

I Attend Church in Bad Weather Because:

1. God has blessed the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exception for hot or cold stormy days.
- 2 I expect the pastor to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home on account of the weather.
3. If his hands fail through weakness, I shall have great reason to blame myself, unless I sustain him by my prayers and presence.
- 4 Whatever position I hold in the Church my example must influence others. If I stay away, why not others?
5. Bad weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built; it will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.
6. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life and not by the rise and fall of the thermometer.

- Frances Ridley Havergal.

THREE KINDS OF GIVERS

Some witty person once said: "There are three kinds of givers-the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb."

To get anything out of a flint you must hammer it, and then you get only chips and sparks.

To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you will get.

But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard; they give nothing away if they can help it.

Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed the more they will give.

A few delight in giving, without being asked at all; and of these the Bible says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

London Christian

OLD MINNIE AND HER BRATS

Despite near-zero weather outside, the Alaska Territorial legislative chambers sizzled. For two days lawmakers had furiously debated a bill calculated to take old Minnie Field and her unconventional orphanage in hand. Never before in the history of the Territory had a piece of proposed legislation caused such a furor.

Nobody much objected back in the days of World War I when Minnie began mothering orphans. She was pretty, had come to Alaska as an Immigrant from Ireland and had lost in the war the seaman she was to marry. Cheated of a husband and motherhood, Minnie gave those unwanted children her vast love.

During the legislative debate, the closing speaker asked, "Who is Minnie Field? Just an ignorant Irish woman. She is incapable of matching the standards required of a social worker, and it is a crying shame to have her in charge of little boys and girls whose care she has ignorantly assumed. If you gentlemen could see her and hear her attempt to speak the English language, I am sure you would support this bill."

Whereupon Minnie Field stood in the gallery, secured the permission of the president of the senate to speak and very humbly said, "What the gentleman said about Old Minnie is so. No use denying it. Never had the chance of schoolin' to speak of. Just an old maid with no husband or kids of my own. Me you can talk about, but not my babies! Old Minnie ain't much of a teacher, but I have a feeling they know more Bible stories than some of you. They're growing up to be good, law-abiding citizens. And listen to this: out of pretty near 2,000 boys and girls who have come and gone from our Minfield Home, not one has ever seen the inside of a jail. Not one has ever been arrested for a crime. Not one has become a drunkard or a gambler."

She stood there, as straight as a Sitka spruce. "Old Minnie is a lot

more ignorant than even you can say," she concluded with deep feeling, "but I still have a heart and a soul, things that are needed the most."

The galleries cheered triumphantly, the legislation was soundly defeated, and Minnie Field went home to her orphans.

- Judge Jed Johnson

23RD PSALM, REVISED VERSION

The TV is my shepherd; my spiritual growth shall want.

It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programs that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world; but it keepeth me from studying God's Word.

It leadeth me in the paths of failure to attend the worship services.

Yea, though I live to be an hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work.

For my TV is my close companion; its sound and picture they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.

It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God.

Surely little good will come of my life because of my TV, which offers me no time to do the Will of God.

And I will dwell in spiritual poverty forever.

- Selected

GUILTY

I never cut my neighbour's throat;
My neighbour's gold I never stole;
I never spoiled his house and land,
But God have mercy on my soul!

For I am haunted night and day
By all the deeds I have not done;
O. unattempted loveliness!
O costly valour never won!

- Marguerite Willkinson

NO. 4

NEWSLETTER

MARCH,
1963

Greetings, News, and Inspiration

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg - 10.15
Westover - 11.35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg: 11.15
Westover: 11.15

Parsonage: R. R. # 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Dear Friends:

There is no room! except for your pastor to say: "Hello! How are you? I'm fine!"

This is not true of the churches. Many empty pews are waiting to be filled.

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A PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Now I sit me down to drive,
I pray the Lord we stay alive.
I pray to drive with care and caution,
On the side of the road that is my portion.
Not to cut in, to weave, or speed;
To stop at signs, and do my deed
Of being extra kind to others -
For, after all, we should be brothers.
If there's such a thing as a Driver's Code,
Then let's all make it a prayer for the road.

- Selected

If you want your dreams to come true,
sir, wake up!

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Annual Meeting of Mountsburg Church

After snow, wind and cold forced us once to postpone the meeting, we gathered on Thursday night, February 7, in the warm basement of the church to reminisce, assess, and plan. We were surrounded by the "evidence" of our material progress during 1962: a new oil furnace, built-in cupboards for the S. S., repairs to the floor and lighting. The reports reflected that we had an active year, and a good one in many ways. Offerings and donations had increased by some 2½%; on the other hand we did not grow in number. Sadly we recorded the deaths of two beloved members. Appreciation was expressed to all who served the Lord so faithfully in 1962. Plans for this year include a Vacation Bible School and further improvements on the church building. (Your help is welcome in every way.) At the close the ladies served the "tail-end" of the Christmas-Supper turkey.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg:

LADIES' AID: every first Wednesday afternoon of each month (April 3)

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 8 p.m., March 29

COMMUNION SERVICE: 10.15 a.m., April 7

. . . At Westover:

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 p.m., March 13

- Monthly every 2nd Wednesday afternoon.

Hostess this month: Mrs. M. Lawrence.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: March 14 at 8 p.m., led by Mr. T. Woods at his home.

Your presence is urgently wanted. . .

Also on Thursday, March 28.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 8 p.m., April 3.

COMMUNION SERVICE: 11.35 a.m., April 7

BROWNIES: every Monday at 7 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S: Every Sunday at 7.15 p.m.

Special Events

The above-announced FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT will be, at both churches, the last one for this winter season (and we hope Winter will have packed up and gone by then). A documentary film on Christian Youth Camps will be shown. We expect to have Rev. and Mrs. John Thomas and family among us at Mountsburg and Westover to enrich our program and to renew our friendship. Refreshments will be served. Please come and help us make this event an enjoyable occasion.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: April 12.

This year we will unite in worship and around the Lord's Table with Freelton and Strabane United Churches at 11 a.m. at Freelton United Church. Rev. R. D. Trask will preach; your pastor will assist. Let us all go to Calvary's Cross and thank Jesus for His sacrifice.

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Text-of-the-Month: Paul said about Christian unity in Ephesians 4:4-6: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...."

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FINANCIAL REPORT

MOUNTSBERG BAPTIST CHURCH

1962 FINANCIAL REPORT MOUNTSBERG BAPTIST CHURCH

RECEIPTS

Regular Offerings	\$1970.75
Donations & Receipts	52.90
Bond Interest	54.00
Bank Interest	22.98
Bank Balance Jan. 5/62	1063.80
Cash on Hand Jan. 2/63	18.48
	\$ 3182.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministers Salary	\$ 837.00
Missions	276.50
New Furnace	1120.00
Church Repairs	400.98
Taxes	89.04
Insurance	52.90
Parsonage Repairs	25.52
Furnace Oil	72.65
Hydro	25.09
Supply & Anniversary	40.00
Church Supplies	21.00
Miscellaneous	14.89
Bank Charges	4.45
Bank Balance Jan. 2/63	147.48
Cash on Hand Jan. 1/63	86.91
	\$ 3214.41
Less Outstanding Cheque	31.45
	\$ 3182.96

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Cash on Hand Jan. 1/62	\$ 17.56
Bank Interest	.52
Collections	182.08
Gift	25.00
UNICEF	16.16
Vacation School	10.37
Piggy Banks (Lepers)	9.45
Birthday Box	6.88
	\$ 268.02

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUND

Collections	\$ 14.76
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DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies, Christmas Gifts & Awards	\$ 134.01
Ontario Council	4.00
Camp Fees	19.00
Picnic	22.37
UNICEF	16.16
Bank Exchange	.50
Missions	59.00
Cash on Hand Jan. 2, 1963	12.98
	\$ 268.02

Rental of Film, Postage, etc.	\$ 7.56
Balance on Hand	7.20
	\$ 14.76

CEMETERY REPORT

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance Jan. 1/62	\$ 446.26
Bank Interest	74.05
	\$ 520.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker	\$ 60.00
Mower Repairs	13.76
Bank Balance	446.55
	\$ 520.31

PROJECTOR FUND REPORT

RECEIPTS

Mountsberg Church	\$ 199.50
Westover Church	342.50
Bank Interest	.05
	\$ 542.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Projector	\$ 468.50
Screen for Westover	25.75
Membership Hamilton Public Library	5.00
Miscellaneous	5.79
Bank Balance	37.01
	\$ 542.05

MISSION BAND REPORT

On Hand Jan. 1/62	\$.05
Collections	29.19
	\$ 29.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Sent to Missions	\$ 29.00
Expenses	.23
Balance on Hand	.01
	\$ 29.24

LADIES AID

Collections, plus Gratitude Bags	\$ 80.56
Quilting	39.00
Christmas Supper	44.40
Bank Interest	4.88
In Bank Jan./62	216.10
	\$ 384.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas Supper	\$ 48.39
Lumber & Paint, Parsonage	57.92
Hymn Books	21.60
July Picnic	15.66
Summer School	39.45
Paint for Church	13.18
Miscellaneous Expense	20.11
Balance on Hand	168.43
	\$ 384.74

NO GOLD OR SILVER

(When an inmate of a Chicago poorhouse died some years ago, there was found the following will. The man had been an attorney, and his will was written in a firm clear hand on a few scraps of paper. The will was read before the Chicago Bar Association, and a resolution was passed ordering it probated. It is now on the records of Cook County, Illinois.)

I, CHARLES LOUNSBERRY, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in order, as justly may be, to distribute my interests in the world among succeeding men:

That part of my interests which is known in law, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposition of in this my will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal; but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

ITEM: I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments; and I charge said parents to use them justly, but generously, as the deeds of their children shall require.

ITEM: I leave to children inclusively, but only for the period of their childhood, all and every flower of the fields and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof. And I leave to children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of Milky Way to wonder at, but subject nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

ITEM: I leave to boys jointly, all

the useful idle fields and common where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their childhood. And all meadows, with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof; the woods with their appurtenances and all distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys, each his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance or without any encumbrance or care.

ITEM: To lovers I bequeath their imaginary world, with whatever they may need: as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music, and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

ITEM: To young men jointly, I devise and bequeath all the boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness, and undaunted confidence in their own strength, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships, and to them, exclusively, I give all merry songs to sing with lusty voices.

ITEM: And to those who no longer are children or youths, or lovers, I leave memory; and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully.

ITEM: To our loved ones with snowy crowns, I bequeath the happiness of old age, and the love and the gratitude of their children, until they fall asleep.

(Signed) CHAS. LOUNSBERRY

Men ought to order their lives as if they were fated to live both a long and a short time - Bias (ancient sage)

IF RAILROADS WERE CHURCHES

Suppose the C.N. or the C.P.R. should operate its trains the way many people expect the church to operate.

Imagine yourself in the train watching the conductor make his rounds to collect the tickets. He asks for a ticket at the first seat, and this is the response: "I haven't any ticket, and what's more I refuse to buy one. The engineer said something I don't like and as long as he runs this train I won't pay a cent to keep it running."

At the next seat the conductor is given this: "You ask whether I want to ride on this train. Of course I do, but I can't afford to pay anything. I had to entertain a batch of relatives last week and I haven't anything left. But I want to reach my destination just the same."

The next response: "No, I can't buy a ticket any more. Taxes are higher now and I have to cut down on something, so I'm not paying anything towards the running of this train anymore."

And then: "I'd like to know who started this racket of selling tickets. I thought railroads practised brotherly love and had risen above the idea of taking filthy lucre."

"Me buy a ticket? No sir! Why, the brakeman insulted my wife's forty-second cousin about fifty years ago and I can't forget that."

Then this: "How much does Mr. H. pay up there? I won't pay a cent more than he does, no matter how much it costs to run this train."

"Why certainly I'm going to buy a ticket, but not right now. Next week, perhaps, or some time later. No, I can't tell you definitely when, or how much I'll pay, but you'll hear from me some-time."

"No, I refuse to buy a ticket. Too much money is spent for other purposes than for running this train."

Finally the conductor comes to the end of the car. There he finds a passenger with money in hand and a smile to boot. "Here you are, Conductor, I'm glad this line operates. Good service too, con-

sidering that it costs so little.

But the conductor has fainted!

THE BANANA

Now that some of our young folks are in the midst of school examinations, we think some of you will be interested in this little dissertation which is said to have been turned in in a Chinese mission school.

"The banana are great remarkable fruit. He are constructed in the same architectural style as sausage, difference being skin of sausage are habitually consumed, while it is not advisable to eat wrapping of banana. The banana are held aloft while consuming; sausages are usually left in a reclining position. Sausage depend for creation on human being or stuffing machine, while banana are pristine product of honourable Mother Nature. In case of sausage, both conclusion are attached to other sausage; banana, on other hands, are attached to one end of stem and opposite termination entirely loose. Finally, banana are strictly vegetable kingdom, while affiliation of sausage often undecided."

The Church is to Me

A Door

Into an opportunity for service.
Into the most useful life.
Into the best experience.
Into the most hopeful future.
It gives me a start.

An Armory

To get power to fight evil.
To get inspiration to keep going right.
To get an uplifting influence.
To learn how to use spiritual weapons.
To get a vision of Christ.
It keeps me moving.

An Anchor

To steady me in the storm.
To keep me from the breakers.
To guide me in the strenuous life.
To hold me lest I drift from God.
To save me in the hour of temptation.
And lead me into the harbour.

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NO. 5

NEWSLETTER

April,
1963

Greetings, News, and Inspiration

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg - 10.15
Westover - 11.35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg: 11.15
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Parsonage: R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Dear Friends:

I hope this NEWSLETTER will find you "Safe in the arms of Jesus," whether you are in sickness or in health, in sorrow or in joy. Jesus triumphed in his darkest hour; Paul knew "how to be abased, and how to abound . . . through Christ who strengthened me."

You all have read the wonderful story of endurance and victory of Helen Klaben and Ralph Flores who, after their plane had crashed, survived on a Yukon mountainside for 48 days, injured and almost without food. When rescued Helen told about her most important experience:

It was Ralph's Bible. I read both the New and Old Testaments. I had read part of the Old Testament before but not to any extent. I know what I have to do, what my work is, what faith is - Faith in God. It was as if He were waiting for me to understand what things are all about. I'm starting my adulthood with full knowledge of what I have to do. I wasn't rescued till I understood, till I realized my sins . . ."

These words are like poetry; they are words of experience, words of faith tried with fire, tried with the cold of the Canadian North. What words could say with greater authority: "Jesus Christ is the only answer to you life's problems, the key to your life's happiness. Accept Him as your Saviour; serve Him as your Lord."

Come and worship with us this Easter morn, and may God bless you richly.

Last summer died Mrs. Elizabeth M. Steele, a long-time friend of Westover Baptist Church. We should like to remember her, because she remembered us like a faithful daughter and encouraged us to do likewise: "To the Building Fund of Westover Baptist Church I give, devise and bequeath the sum of Five Hundred Dollars."

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg:

COMMUNION SERVICE: 10:15 a.m., April 7

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: April 12

Jointly with Freelton and Strabane
at Freelton United Church at 11 a.m.

DEDICATION SERVICE: 10:15 a.m. April 14
For Kimberly Anne Wingrove.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: 10:15 a.m. April 21
Rev. W. H. Moore, Hamilton District
Sec. of the Canadian Bible Society.

LADIES' AID: 2 p.m. May 1
Hostess: Mrs. F. Laking.

. . . At Westover:

COMMUNION SERVICE: 11:35 a.m. April 7

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 p.m. April 10

Hostess: Mrs. Lorne George.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: April 12
Jointly with Freelton and Strabane

at Freelton United Church at 11 a.m.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: 11:35 a.m. April 21
Rev. W. H. Moore, Hamilton District
Sec. of the Canadian Bible Society.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:

Every second Thursday as announced.

Lori Elizabeth - We extend our prayers and good wishes to Roger and Donna Mitchell whom God has blessed with a baby sister for Billy and Elaine, on March 10, 1963.

Our Indian Brethren at Ohsweken

are in desperate need of a new church building. One dollar help from each of us would amount to more than a hundred dollars. Our treasurers are Mrs. C. Shaver, R.R. 2, Branchton, Ont., and Mr. E. Dougherty, R. R. 2, Campbellville.

Would you like to care for a baby or child up to 9 years of age? The Wentworth County Children's Aid Society is seeking foster homes in the Beverly and Flamboro areas. Contact Mrs. Taylor at 6 Hatt St., Dundas, or MA.8-6355.

Text-of-the-Month: (Luke 24:34)
"The Lord is risen indeed."

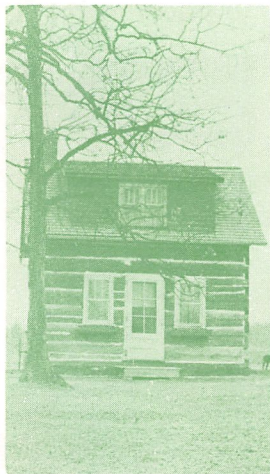
EXTENSION TO

OHSWEKEN



*B. J. A.
1962*

EVANGELISM THROUGH EXTENSION



AN AVERAGE HOME

OHSWEKEN - *A Continuing Story*

It was in 1840 that Baptist witness first began among the Indians of the Six Nations Reserve. The first church was of logs chinked with mud. It has long since gone in the decay of passing time.

For over 60 years now another church has served as the centre of the spiritual and social life of the Ohsweken Indians. But time has laid its hands on this church too. It has been condemned as unsafe. Walls are bulging out, floors are warped, foundations are crumbling. Soon it will be no longer safe to use it at all.

Buildings may decay, but churches grow. The Ohsweken Church has grown to the point where the building would not be adequate for the fellowship even if it were in good repair.

7000 people on the reserve need the ministry of a Gospel centred church.

140 are on the membership rolls of the Ohsweken Church.

120 children attend the Church School.

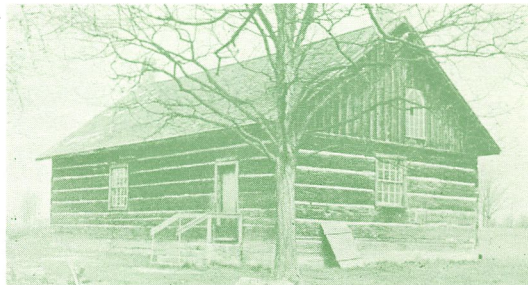
300 families are served by its various organizations.

Some Facts Pointing to a Challenge

1. The Ohsweken Church needs a new building.
2. That building will cost \$70,000.00.
3. The Indians are enthusiastic and want to do their share (\$10,000.00).
4. The Reserve is Crown Land. There can be no mortgage.
5. The Baptist Federation of Canada hopes to raise \$25,000.00.
6. Some others have promised to help.
7. But we still need \$25,000.00.

That \$25,000.00 is the challenge.

OHSWEKEN LONGHOUSE



B. J. A. 1962

The theme for B.J.A. 1962 is "EVANGELISM THROUGH EXTENSION". Many of our churches are facing heavy extension programmes. But in this year of extension EVERY church ought to be involved in extension. EVERY Baptist ought to have a share in some extension project.

Your church and you can have a share
in the new Ohsweken Church.



OHSWEKEN - B. J. A. PROJECT 1962

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GROWNUPS?

(When the ten-year-olds in Mrs. Imogene Frost's class at the Brookside, N.J., Community Sunday School expressed their views on "What's wrong with grownups?" they came up with these complaints.)

1. Grownups make promises, then they forget all about them, or else they say it wasn't really a promise, just a maybe.
2. Grownups don't do the things they're always telling children to do--like pick up their things, or be neat, or always tell the truth.
3. Grownups won't let their children dress the way they want to-- but they never ask a child's opinion about how they should dress. If they're going out to a party, grownups wear just exactly what they want to wear--even if it looks terrible, even if it isn't warm enough.
4. Grownups never really listen to what children have to say. They always decide ahead of time what they're going to answer.
5. Grownups make mistakes but they won't admit them. They always pretend that they weren't mistakes at all--or that somebody else made them.
6. Grownups interrupt children all the time and think nothing of it. If a child interrupts a grownup, he gets a scolding or something worse.
7. Grownups never understand how much children want a certain thing--a certain color or shape or size. If it's something they don't admire--even if the children have spent their own money for it--they always say, "I can't imagine what you want with that old thing!"
8. Sometimes grownups punish children unfairly. It isn't right if you've done just some little thing wrong and grownups take away something that means an awful lot to you. Other

times you can do something really bad and they say they're going to punish you, but they don't. You never know, and you ought to know.

9. Grownups talk about money too much, and bills, and things that, so that it scares you. They say money isn't very important, but the way they talk about it, it sounds like the most important thing in the world.
 10. Grownups gossip--but if children do the very same thing they say the same words about the same people, the grownups say they're being disrespectful.
 11. Grownups pry into children's secrets. They always think it's going to be something bad. They never think it might be a nice surprise.
 12. Grownups are always talking about what they did and what they know when they were ten years old--and it usually sounds as if it couldn't have happened the way they say. But grownups never try to think what it's like to be ten years old right now.
- Selected

ANOTHER OF THOSE EPITAPHS

Perhaps we have come a little way in this world after all. Read this epitaph, now over a hundred years old:

"To Lem S. Frame, who during his life shot 89 Indians, whom the Lord delivered into his hands, and who was looking forward to making up his hundred before the end of the year, when he fell asleep in Jesus at his house at Hawk's Ferry, March 27, 1843."

KNOW HIM?

Once there was a Christian,
Who had a pious look;
His consecration was complete,
Except his pocketbook.

He'd put a nickel in the plate,
And then with might and main
He'd sing, 'When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain.'

DON'T BUY A TYPEWRITER

(A student's dim view of the idea)

You may be stinking of buyingg a typewriter. You thingit wuold be a g oo didea. Q/e/l/l Well listn to me. DONT!

I8ve yad this perisshing contlaption for tow years and its nearly crazy me driven. It is the most misxxerabel machine under the sin--Sun. It has pervvrted my spelling and corrupted my shinking; now I can hardly leep at nights for it, so I have to snooze during lectures. Lo, there is not a wurd in my tongeu but it spoiletk it altogethehter, it has berserked me beyind and befire. Honestly I wasn't always like this. I once wrott--wrote with perfect ease and never missed or reduplichated a lettur, but now I can't evens word put in the rifht order. The tragedy of it iss that I am even buginn- ing to speak adn thinklikethis.

You ma y think it is alll very funyy but it gets one into soch truoble. Do you think our two well-made brethren like being called "Mt. Campbell" and "Mr. Sharman"? As for "Mr. Ramcock" and "Robertsjaw"--I teribbly osorry but What cnI do?

Theer is one advantagge and one only. Iff youareashocking sp eller lika me you can always-b-a-l-m-e-blame the blessedma chine and no1one does any nifferent--I meen knows any dafferent.

One last 3ord-) (whereis that comma?) DON'T try serenading your yuogn lady on a typewiper keyboored. Our dear friend Freud says thatallmis takes have a meaning and hhaving a typswiper tooo make mistakes with is just whaat thatorrible subcon- cscsious of yours has been waiteng fur.

This machine cost me a 5fortune--I COULD have bouhth dzens of nice pensforthat priceand kept out of trou ouble. You just stickk to p en an din k.

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OHXX ! BOTHERRR.

P.S. Dies anyone know a gooood skrap iren mer chant %

AN ARAB PROVERB

The Arabs have some interesting proverbs. Here is one worth thinking about, especially when one is timid about launching something new. "Over the doorstep is half the journey." Isn't it true?

It was also an Arab who wrote this bit of condensed wisdom:

He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool - avoid him;

He who knows not and knows that he knows not is dull - teach him;

He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep - wake him;

He who knows and knows that he knows is wise - follow him.

HOW WILL YOU SLEEP?

How will you sleep tonight? Here is a formula for a good night's rest. Dr. Rendel Harris, staying with friends in Delaware, was assigned to a room in which the bedspread was made out of old brown linen that had been spun years before. Some devout "grannie" had worked these lines from Browning into the linen:

"God's greatness
Flows around our incompleteness,
Round our restlessness His rest."

Then there was the old Bishop who was a great worrier. Even on his vacation he worried about things back in the parish. One night, instead of crawling into bed, he sat in his old chair in the dark with his head in his hands, worrying about the parish-ioners who were behind in their pledges. Presently he thought he heard a voice speak from heaven. It sent him tumbling into bed with his old youthful chuckle. God had said, "You turn in now; I'll sit up for the rest of the night."

R A N D O M T H O U G H T S

It is better to light a candle than to stand there cursing the darkness.

Be careful how you live: you may be the only Bible some persons will ever read.

The only reason some persons belong to church is that they haven't been put out yet.

Are you creative, or merely critical?

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

"Diplomacy is to do and say

The nastiest thing in the nicest way."

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Parsonage: R.R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Dear Friends:

Well, spring has finally arrived, and the tractors are on the move again. Those of you who have not been "home" since last winter will soon hardly recognize our countryside: the fields take on the promising brown and green. The mixed colours of the blossoms remind me of a lovely poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins:

PIED BEAUTY

(1877)

Glory be to God for dappled things -
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled
cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout
that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches'
wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced - fold,
fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle
and trim.

All things counter, original, spare,
strange;
Whatever fickle, frockled (who knows
how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle,
dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past
change:
Praise him.

Your pastor's heart is full of the joy of spring, too, after the completion of the university examinations.

On Good Friday and at Easter many friends joined us to worship God in our crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

We would like to know if you wish to continue receiving the NEWSLETTER. Will you please drop us a line? We'd also welcome suggestions for making it more interesting. We invite your own short contributions. Maybe you like to share something memorable from days gone-by.

The Active Church At Mountsburg:

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY: May 12

It's Mother's Day, too. Come all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC; June 1

At Soper Park in Galt. Dinner: 1 p.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE: 10:15 June 2

LADIES' AID: June 5

Hostess: Mrs. Earle Wingrove

. . . At Westover

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 p.m. May 8

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY: May 12

Send-off for those of our YP who will
attend the Convention at Sarnia.

COMMUNION SERVICE: 11.35 a.m. June 9

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:

To be announced from the Pulpit.

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about the people, the communities, or the churches of Mountsburg and Westover, or a poem, or a word of encouragement to us all; at any rate, we are anxious to hear from you. Address your letter to the pastor.

On Sunday, May 26, the pastor and his wife invite you all to an open house at the parsonage during the afternoon.

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Pray

to suffer without complaining
to be misunderstood without explaining
to endure without breaking
to give without receiving
to be forsaken without grieving
to ask without commanding
to love, despite misunderstanding
to turn to the Lord for guarding
to wait for his own rewarding
(Pray for our young people, specially
for our B.Y.P.U. Convention delegates.)

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We should like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Alvin (Kelly) Dougherty, who died in Detroit, Mich., on April 25, 1963.

Text-of-the-Month: (Phil. 4:4)

"Rejoice in the Lord alway."

T H E B A D B O Y

(From "The Wit and Wisdom of Safed the Sage." "Safed" was a kind of home-spun philosopher who was always poking fun at his wife Keturah.)

There came to me a Mother, and she said, O Safed, thou great and wise man, have pity on thine handmaiden, for I am in sorrow. Thou knowest my Boy. He is fourteen years old. When he was a Baby, he was the Cutest Little Thing thou didst ever see.

And I said, I remember.

And she said, And when he was a Little Boy he was lovely.

And I said, Thou speakest truly.

And she said, But now I hardly know him. He is Noisy, and Rude, and Inattentive, and Heedless; and he Learneth not his Lessons, and when I reprove him he laugheth, and saith, I Should Worry. Tell me, O' Safed, what shall I do?

And I said, Worry not.

And she said, I cannot help it. Was there ever such a boy?

And I said, George Washington, when he was fourteen, did not always wash himself behind his ears. And Julius Caesar when he was fourteen was not always reverent in Sunday School. And William Shakespeare when he was fourteen got excused from his work to attend the funeral of his grandmother, and on that day watched a ball-game. And Simon Peter when he was fourteen was one day absent from school on account of Serious Illness, but recovered sufficiently to watch the bobbing of a cork upon the water of a little creek that runneth into the Sea of Galilee hard by Capernaum.

And she said, Do the books tell of that?

And I said, Nay, but I know that it is so, for I know boys.

And she said, O Safed, it doeth me great good to hear thee; and it restoreth my faith in my boy.

And she rose to go. But she turned back, and she said,

O Safed, when thou wast fourteen,

what kind of boy wast thou?

And I said, If I tell thee that I was a Model thou wilt be sorry to think I was not like other boys; and if I tell thee that I was like other boys thou wilt think I was not a Model. But if I tell thee not, then canst thou have the joy of thinking either of those things or both.

So I bade her Salaam, and she went out.

And it was lucky for me that she did not ask Keturah.

ALCHEMY OF WOMAN

In the original Sanskrit, the creation of woman by Twasktrie, the Vulcan of Hinu mythology, is described thus: "He took the lightness of the leaf and the glance of the fawn, the gaiety of the sun's rays and the tears of the mist; the inconstancy of the wind and the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock and the softness of the down on the throat of the swallow. He added the harshness of the diamond, the sweet flavor of honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of fire and the chill of snow. He added the chatter of the jay and the cooing of the turtle dove. He melted all this and formed a woman. Then he made a present of her to man."

-Neal O'Hara in Boston Traveler

TABULATE YOUR WORRIES

Thomas Kepler tells of a woman who realized that her fears were ruining her life. She decided to make herself a "worry table." In tabulating her worries, she discovered these figures:

40% will never happen; anxiety here is the result of a tired mind.

30% are about old decisions which I cannot now alter.

12% are concerning others' criticisms of me, most of them untrue, made by people who feel inferior.

10% are about my health, which gets worse as I worry.

8% are legitimate. I will concentrate on these.

"If you have enough "push" in life you won't need any "pull."

DOES THE MONOTONY OF LIFE "GET YOU" ?

Have you ever trudged along an uninteresting, straight, flat road? Step upon step...and a thousand more steps...yet the road stretches endlessly onward.

Give me the winding road every time!

There are sometimes whole periods of our existence when life seems a long road that has no turning. Tire-some routine stifles one's spirit, until it trembles at the very sameness of the days.

What is the answer to the problem of monotony?

Christianity is God's own answer. Sunday worship gives us a sense of progress in a direction that matters. The teaching of Christ opens new vistas. Working within the plan of God gives the daily round a new setting. The person of Christ ceases to be a vague blur in the history-book, and He becomes a sharer in one's occupation. Eternal values hover over life and give it significance.

There is a church in your community which, if you will give it a chance, will make this true.

ON MAKING PLEDGES

Too bad! The man who never makes a pledge cannot have a telephone in his house, or electric lights or water or groceries. He cannot be a married man, for he would have to make vows. He cannot own property, for he would have to promise to pay taxes.... Be honest with yourself, and pledge for the Lord's work too. --Oklahoma City Star

SING AS YOU DRIVE

This might help educate speedsters:
At 45 mph, sing "Highways are Happy Ways." 55 mph- "I'm But a Stranger Here..Heaven is my Home." 65 mph - "Nearer My God To Thee." 75 mph - "This World is not my Home ,I'm just a-Passing Through." 85 mph- "Lord 'I'm Coming Home."

PERHAPS...

Perhaps it will be the architect's dream of some graceful structure tapering into the skies, leading men's thoughts heavenward. Or perhaps some massive building dedicated to business and containing the population of a town. Or perhaps it is that better social order for which men have labored and prayed so long and which is called the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth. Or perhaps it is that new character you are planning to build for yourself, that better manhood that you long for.

But whether the building be a sanctuary or a skyscraper, a new life for others or a new life for yourself, the procedure is the same--first the foundation. If that be faulty, all further labor is in vain. It is the business of the church to lay the foundations of social and personal life.

UNIQUE !

The birth of the Lord Jesus was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for five thousand and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on no beautiful carpets or velvet rugs, but He walked on the waters of the Sea of Galilee and they supported Him. When He died few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though few men trembled for their sins, the earth beneath them shook under the load. All nature honoured Him. Sinners alone rejected Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that had been reddened with His blood could not claim His dust.

For three years He preached His Gospel. He wrote no book, erected no church building, had no monetary backing, but after nineteen hundred years He is the one central character of human history. He is the pivot around which the events of the ages revolve, and the only regenerator of the human race.

-Anonymous

No matter what kind of home you and I live in, we still dwell in tents -- content or discontent.

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NEWSLETTER

Summer,
1963

Greetings, News, and Inspiration

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg: 10:15
Westover: 11:35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg: 11:15
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Parsonage: R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Dear Friends:

Since our invitation to you in our last NEWSLETTER to drop us a line, the pastor's mailbox has remained empty. Jesus' words, "Take up thy bed and walk" worked nothing less than a miracle; we hope we do not need divine power behind our request "Pick up your pen and write" in order to hear from you. We'll give you extra time to do your part, for there will not be another NEWSLETTER until September.

On April 30 fire broke out at the home of John Duckworth. While Donna and her children found shelter for a few days at kind neighbours, until she could rent the vacant little house where "Woodie" used to live, John underwent a serious back operation and is now well on his way to recovery at Scarborough General Hospital. Fortunately, the fire caused little damage, but the heavy rainstorm that night claimed most of the family's modest furnishings.

On May 15 one carload of six people went from Mountsburg and Westover to attend an inspiring Missionary Rally at Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto. Unfortunately, there is no room in this letter to give details, but ask any of the six: Mrs. Fred Mast, Miss E. Haines, Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods, Miss G. Lyons, and the pastor.

(Continued next column)

Vacation Bible School

Because of the interest, success and fun last year, we have decided to hold VBS again this summer for the children (4-14 years) of Mountsburg and Westover. There is only one condition: we must have a sufficient number of full-time and part-time leaders and helpers. We, therefore, earnestly appeal to you to cooperate. As last summer, a young lady will come to help us from McMaster Women's Leadership Training School, Hamilton. The dates are:

Mountsburg - July 22 to 26;

Westover - Aug. 12 to 16.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg:

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

June 16 We worship at Mountsburg Methodist Church 11 AM and 7:30 PM.
Speaker: Rev. R. Lofthouse.

June 23 Rev. C. A. Armstrong, moderator of the Niagara-Hamilton Baptist Association, at 10:15 AM.

Sep. 29 Our 119th Anniversary Services, LADIES' AID:

July 3 Annual Picnic.

Aug. 7 Hostess: Miss Eba Haines.

Sep. 4 Hostess: Mrs. R. Hewins.

. . . At Westover:

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC:

June 29 1:30 PM at Soper Park, Galt.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

June 16 Laymen's Sunday: Gospel hymns; at special music. Special speaker: 11 AM Mr. T. Woods. All welcome.

June 23 Rev. C. A. Armstrong, who is also minister of First Baptist Church, Welland, and co-editor of our NEWSLETTER, at 11:35 AM.

Sep. 22 Our 118th Anniversary Services.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: At 2 PM.

June 12 Hostess: Mrs. L. George.

July 10 Hostess at the church: Mrs. E. Mackie. Aug. meeting cancelled.

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On June 10 the pastor and his family will leave for Montreal to represent our churches at the annual Church Convention, which will meet at First Baptist Church from June 10 - 13. Immediately following we'll spend two weeks vacation at a Home Mission summer cottage near Bracebridge. In case of emergency please contact Deacon W. Revell at Freelton 659-7070, or Deacon L. George at Freelton 659-7193.

May the Lord bless you and yours during the wonderful summer months of hard work (for some) and of holiday refreshment (for others).

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Text-for-the-Summer: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

(Psalm 126:5)

A Letter from Ernie Ellis.....

Dear Friends:

In a few short weeks it will once more be summer, and of course summer brings V.B.S. Last year we had excellent response, and so we plan from August 12 - 16 to run Vacation Bible School again. Will you support us? Teachers, assistants, and leaders are urgently needed. If you do not provide the help, we will be unable to proceed; so please contact Ernie Ellis (659-7023) if you can possibly assist. This year's V.B.S. supervisor is Miss Pat Armstrong of Tillsonburg. The children's offerings will go to help children of other lands who are less fortunate than we.

And of course on June 29th at Soper Park in Galt, our Sunday School will hold its annual picnic. Correct time: 3:00 (not 1:30 PM as reported on page one), supper at 5:00. Plan to attend and bring the kids.

On September 1st, we'll have our Rally Day or Back-to-Study service. If we had to miss a few Sundays during the summer, let's all begin to go steady again September 1st.

And last but not least, to all interested parties: Westover Young People's will be inactive for the months of July and August; but not to sorrow, B.Y.P.U. will re-open in September with (we hope) a new look and new vigour.

Cut here and give the invitation to a friend or neighbour

A Special Invitation to You

to come to an

O L D T I M E G O S P E L S E R V I C E

At Westover Baptist Church

On Father's Day

June 16th, at 11 o'clock

Conducted by the men of the church

SERMON: Tom Woods of Westover

SOLOIST: Allan Peterson of Toronto

(Bass member of the Faith Line Four Quartette)

SONG LEADER: Gerry Johnson of Hamilton

You are cordially invited

Sunday School Notes

by
Eba Haines
Superintendent

Camping

Any children wishing to attend camp please notify the Superintendent at once. (659-7070)

Christian camping is a marvellous experience for any boy or girl 9-15 years of age, but dates are being filled rapidly. The Sunday School will pay half the fees for two children, so why not persuade your parents to let you go.

Sunday School and Mission Band

From Sunday, July 21, to Sunday, August 11, inclusive, we will give you a vacation from Mission Band and Sunday School, so please make the Sunday School attendance good during June and July, as your marks will be counted at the end of July for the presentation of pins and attendance seals on Rally Day, October 6, when class promotions will also take place.

Special Missionary Night

During August the Mission Band hopes to sponsor a special Missionary Night and have a real live missionary come and speak to us.

Vacation Bible School

July 22 - 26 are the dates for our Vacation Bible School.

Miss Barbara Malsch will be here to help us, but we shall need local help, so be ready, if you are a teenager or over, to receive an S.O.S. for help, also for cookies and freshie. Parents, remember closing night will be July 26.

A Reminder!!!

Please keep our Sunday School offerings good, if you want the pins and awards. Our Sunday School papers and teaching materials have gone up in price, also the pins are expensive, but we really want every one to receive one.

The offerings during Vacation Bible School will go to help children of other lands who are less fortunate than we.

A DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

Just as I know that there are two Hagens, Walter and Copen, I know that marriage is a legal and religious alliance entered into by a man who can't sleep with the window shut and a woman who can't sleep with the window open.

Also he can't sleep until he has read the last hundred pages to find out whether his suspicions of the murdered eccentric recluse's avaricious secretary were right.

Moreover, just as I am unsure of the difference between flora and fauna, and flotsam and jetsam, I am quite sure that marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgets.

And the one refuses to believe there is a leak in the water pipe or the gas pipe, and the other is convinced she is about to asphyxiate or drown, and the other says, "Quick, get up and get my hairbrushes off the window sill, it's raining in," and the one replies, "Oh, they're all right; It's only raining straight down."

That is why marriage is so much more interesting than divorce; it's the only known example of the happy meeting of the immovable object and the irresistible force. So I hope husbands and wives will continue to debate and combat over everything debatable and combatable, because I believe a little incompatibility is the spice of life, particularly if he has income and she is patable.

- Ogden Nash

THE WORST PLAGUE

Give me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe;
Bold, I can meet - perhaps may turn his blow!
But of all plagues, good Heaven, Thy wrath can send,
Save me, oh, save me from the candid friend!

There is no vanity so damaging to a man's character as pride over his good deeds - Lloyd Douglas, THE ROBE

POTATO BUGS

"He could fiddle all the bugs off a sweet-potato vine". So wrote Benet in "The Mountain Whippoorwill", and on the surface one can't tell whether it is a tribute to a man or a bird. Let us take it as a tribute to a man!

That is the kind of man I want to be. I grew up on a farm and know a potato-bug when I see one, but in Northern Ontario the bugs didn't care whether a potato was sweet or just an Irish Cobbler. And the only music they heard around our plantation was from the wheels of the cart that carried the Paris Green.

There are bugs and bugs, vines and vines, Let us think of Benet's bug in a wider sense. He is the gobble-de-ooop who roams all over your estate and mine and acts as if the world exists only for his gratification. The community good, bah! What does he care for that? Tomorrow or next week or next year - what of them? He has a hard shell and it comes right up over his heart. He thinks that this shell is all he needs as he romps over the tender plants of neighbourhood values that we are trying to develop before life's autumn sets in.

Such "potato-bugs" have to be resisted, of course. But how? Get them off the vines with music - that is the Benet-way! "Fiddle" them off! Don't whack 'em.

In resisting selfish encroachers one always has to make a choice between these two methods - music or the big stick - which is the difference between getting inside people and making them want to come your way and going at them from the outside; the difference between legislation and education.

There are also "potato-bugs" on the "vines" at the office or in the shop or elsewhere. May the summer help you to tune up your fiddle!

Two things are bad for your heart: running up stairs and running down people.

A man who is pulling his own weight has none left over to throw around.

SLANTS ON BEING THERE

Some people lay an unnecessary burden on themselves each Sunday morning. They decide each week whether or not they will attend a service of worship. They do not decide each day whether or not they will eat a meal! The need for spiritual food is equally urgent. The happiest people are those who take it for granted that worship is a part of wholesome Christian living.

-Rolland W. Schloerb

Another way of aiding people living at a distance from the church to attend services was known as the "ride and tie" system. A farmer owning a good horse rode half the distance, with his wife on a pillion behind him; then he dismounted, tied the animal, and continued the journey on foot. A neighbor had walked, then mounted the horse and rode for the rest of the distance.

-Elsie Lathrop in
"Old New England Churches"

During the Dark Ages the church held the human structure together. A similar opportunity may now be facing the church. But this time the task will be greater.

-Wesner Fallaw in
"Atomic Apocalypse"

A young man once asked Henry Ward Beecher what he did when he discovered someone in the church asleep. Mr. Beecher replied, "In that case I have left strict orders with the sexton to come to the pulpit and wake up the minister."

-Exchange

I often look back and envy my father the satisfaction he got in his church. He got companionship. He was one of a fold. He didn't feel the great cosmic chill as I feel it.

-John Burroughs

The most beautiful thing we can experience in life is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed. - Einstein

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH-GOER ARE YOU?

There are four kinds in every community

1. Sporadic Church-Goers. Attend when they feel like it, but do not often feel like it.
2. Periodic Church-Goers. Attend Easter, Christmas and on special days, but are afraid to get in the habit of going to church.
3. Occasional Church-Goers. Attend when nothing prevents, but are satisfied to fall back on any old excuse for staying away.
4. Loyal Church-Goers. Allow nothing to keep them away from church that would not keep them away from their work.

It's the Loyal Church-Goers whose personal religion brings them happiness and who enjoy life to the utmost. Be a Loyal Church-Goer!

START BY GOING TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

THIS IS THE TEST

I often think that anyone can face
A crisis or a crushing tragedy
With calm, exalted courage, but the place
That needs the greatest strength and
energy
Is the daily grind: to manage just to
laugh
At all the petty hazards of each day -
To smile, whilst sifting life's wheat from
its chaff,
And strive to see some good along the
way.

TODAY'S PRAYER

From the cowardice that shrinks from new
truth,
From the laziness that is content with
half-truths,
And from the arrogance that thinks it
knows all truth -
O God of Truth, deliver us.

HOUSE OR HOME?

A house is built of logs and stone,
Of tiles and posts and piers;
A home is built of loving deeds
That stand a thousand years. (Hugo)

WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Treasurer:

Mrs. C. Shaver,
R. R. 2,
Branchton, Ont.

Pastor:

Mr. H. G. Rath,
R. R. 2,
Campbellville, Ont.

August 1963.

Dear Friend:

This letter ought to have been written in red ink, because we must report that for the first six months of this year our expenses again exceeded your gifts and offerings. Only 38% of our 1963 budget (\$2,549.50) were met, and at the end of June we were short already three hundred dollars.

What to do, is the question.

Jesus, the Lord of every professed Christian, said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also;" in other words, "You will spend your money on things you have set your heart on."

Westover Church wishes to do its part in stirring the hearts of men, women and children everywhere in the world, to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and to care for their fellowmen.

Jesus described a Christian with the words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." As a follower of Christ will you join us in extending for the "lost"

C hrist
H elping hands
A biding love
R egular gifts
I ncessant prayer
T imely service
Y ou?

May God bless you in the service you render him.

Yours sincerely,

I. McDonough

H. G. Rath

Pastor.

Ivan McDonough,
Chairman,
Finance Committee.

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends:

Summer is come and gone, and here is the first fall issue of our NEWSLETTER to usher in a new season of activity for Christ and his church at Mountsburg and Westover.

It may be worth reminding everyone that the NEWSLETTER is not to be a substitute for personal contact and Christian fellowship; namely, visits by the pastor, Sunday school and church attendance, active participation in all church programmes and projects. Let us all be back at our posts bearing one another's burdens.

On August 16, Westover concluded a successful week of Vacation Bible School. 100 people shared the closing fellowship hour in the church Friday evening. Average attendance was 49. We are deeply indebted to all leaders and helpers who have given so generously of their time and abilities: Miss Pat Armstrong (of the Convention Board of Religious Education), Misses Pat and Janet Shaver, Janice and June Moore, Cathy and Judy Brenn, Linda McDonough, Glenda Mann, Mrs. John Yovanov, Mrs. Ivan McDonough, Mrs. Melvin Brenn, Mrs. Ken Mills, Mr. Earl McDonough, George Moore.

During June in Mountsburg, the floor of the S. S. auditorium was painted by the ladies of the church; they also papered and painted the parsonage kitchen, and the face-lifting of the kitchen was completed with a new tile ceiling.

Several of our children enjoyed a week or ten days at Camp Oneida: Kathy Mills, Linda McDonough, Marie Palmer, Barbara Sardella, George Moore, and Mark Shaver.

Mrs. Douglas (Babs) Wingrove was chosen 1963 Wentworth County Dairy Queen.

Special greetings and good wishes come to you with this NEWSLETTER, if you are sick at the presenttime.

The pastor wishes to thank Miss Eba Haines for offering to tell the Saga of our Churches, starting in this issue.

Make Anniversary Your Home Coming.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg
LADIES' AID: at Mrs. R. Hewins' Sept. 4

119th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

September 29, 11 A.M. and 7.30 P.M.
Speaker: Rev. A. R. Matthews, Hamilton

RALLY AND PROMOTION DAY SERVICE Oct. 6

. . . At Westover
RALLY DAY (Back-to-Study) SERVICE Sept. 1
A SOCIAL EVENING: sponsored by Sept. 11
the Women's Mission Circle, at 8 PM.
Husbands, children and friends invited.

118th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

September 22, 11 AM and 7.30 PM
Speaker: Rev. R. Glendinning, Grimsby

Vital StatisticsDeaths

We sadly record the passing of Miss Ruby Nicholson on August 6, 1963, and we extend our sympathy to the family.

Removals

We wish God's every blessing to those of our fellowship who have recently transferred their membership to new church homes: Mr. Theron McDonough, Mrs. Roger Mitchell, Mrs. Harry Rount, Mrs. Carl James, Mrs. Robert Johnston, Mrs. Allan Parsons.

Births

June 4 James Vincent Fee
August 10 Ellen Elizabeth Rath

September 16, 1962

On that memorable day the congregations of Mountsburg and Westover worshipped and met together, and decided to "become self-supporting in all haste." Beginning on January 1, 1963, we reduced our annual request for financial assistance from the Home Mission Board from \$584. to \$400. Pray for the day when we shall be asked to reconsider our request for a grant.

Anniversary Text: "Thy will be done."

THE SAGA OF OUR CHURCHES (by Eba Haines)

Today, great interest is being taken in pioneer villages, the tools used and ways of living in the days of our forefathers, in their struggle to carve a home from the primeval forest.

But how much do we know of the spiritual life of our churches and its influence on those early communities, and the heritage bequeathed to us who follow in their train, either as descendants or part of the church which they founded. Let us catch a few glimpses from month to month.

Mountsburg

"Backward, go backward, O time in thy flight"- back to December 28th, 1844, when thirteen men and women from this community, who were members of the Baptist Church in Dundas, met and organized themselves into a church, at that time to be known as the Brock Road Church. Elder Joseph Clutton was in charge of this service.

In our mind's eye we can picture the horses and wagons, or in winter the sleighs with their loads of fathers, mothers and children wending their way over the picturesquely winding roads, lined with beautiful hemlocks and other evergreens, and colourful maples, to the hamlet of Freelon where the Brock Road Church was situated, together with a school and a small cemetery, on land which later became part of the Manary farm, and near the area now occupied by Dr. W. Kassera and Mr. Paul Duffy.

At that time, the Brock Road angled through that part of the village, emerging to its present location somewhere about the corner of Highway #97. The land on which these buildings were, was owned by Mr. Craig Haggins. Owing, seemingly, to the change in the direction of the Brock Road, trouble arose with Mr. Haggins, which caused a dissension in the church. Prayer meetings were called for, and by 1849 Freelon was abandoned as a place of meeting.

Westover

The hills and dales of Westover with the autumn splendour of beautiful woods in the early days, created a most lovely scene as some twenty-six men and women of the Westover community made their way to the old schoolhouse, where they gathered for the purpose of organizing the Second Baptist Church of Beverly.

Ministers of those pioneer days were known as elders; so we have Elder John Miner of Waterloo as moderator for this meeting. Elder Samuel Read of the First Baptist Church of Beverly as clerk, with Elders James Sims of Waterloo and Joseph Clutton of Dundas, and several delegates from Dundas, St. George and Ancaster, to participate in the organization service.

After the acceptance of a Declaration of Doctrine, the service proceeded with Elder Clutton preaching the sermon (from I Corinthians 1:2) and giving the charge to the church. Elder Miner extended the right hand of fellowship, and Elder Sims offered the closing prayer. The first deacon was John Westover; the first clerk Elder Read.

Twenty-two constituent members were enrolled on that memorable October 3rd, 1845. No record is given of where they met for regular services, but attendance was faithful as we shall see in our next chapter, when we hear about Covenant meetings.

(To be continued)

WHAT IS A MINISTER?

(By Neil Wyrich, Jr.)

What is a minister?

A minister is many things to many people.

To some he is a padre dressed in black, with a clerical collar.

To some he is a man in a blue suit with a Bible under his arm.

To some he is all shout and no sense.

To some he is theological hodge podge, four raised-pulpit feet above the floor.

To some he is a soul-saver, sanctified and a little supercilious.

In reality, he may be some of these but not any of them completely, and never all of them wrapped up in one neat easily-identifiable package.

He is a composite of many ideas, including his own.

His life is dedicated to God, but he lives out his existence as man.

Sometimes in his daily business of ministry he finds he is too young when the occasion demands the dignity and experience of age.

With the passing of time he may feel too old when the exuberance of youth is needed.

Often he is at a loss for words while the world waits eagerly for gems of wisdom.

But in the life of every minister, there comes the touch of God's hand; as he labors in the tangled shouts and clamor of the city, the quiet plow-furrowed hills of the countryside, the shifting sands of the sea-side suburbs; and from this touch he gathers strength for each new day.

What is a minister?

He is 104 sermons a year,

50-odd talks to any group from the P.T.A. to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient History, telephone calls about everything from rosebuds to the rosary, and hospital, house, and hello-calls till long after the shades of night have fallen.

Some days he tries to cram 26 hours into a pre-set 24.

Other days, because he is human, he is a little lazy.

But if he is honestly called to his task, over the long run he is a man of God dedicated to his task of helping a long line of the destitute, despondent, and dismal, a kaleidoscope of holy, haughty, or happy, but above all a host of God's creatures seeking . . . sometimes they are not sure what . . . but seeking nevertheless.

What is a minister?

He is a husband, father, confessor.

"Pick up a can of tomatoes on the way home; Mrs. Smith refuses to speak to Mrs. Jones anymore; Johnny broke his leg on the church steps; and Mrs. Brown says she has 15 volunteers to help prepare the baskets for the poor."

What is a minister?

He is a leader sometimes caught up in the middle of those who are led.

He meets the paradox of love and hate in the sanctuary of the Lord.

He hears a heavenly choir just a few minutes after 20 screaming little boys and girls have broken a mirror and torn up the rug in the choir-room.

He sees a soul saved from the brink of destruction and the next moment, it seems, he hears a man die with a curse on his lips.

He watches the seed of his sermons fall on all the types of ground about which his Lord spoke . . . and he is never quite sure of the type of ground.

He misjudges, and the man who seemed as empty of faith as the night skies of the sun, finds Christ . . . and there is a new man.

The next day a pillar of the church shatters into a thousand pieces beneath the hammer of temptation. The minister's heart bends under the blow; he sits and wonders, and then at the ringing of the phone says, "Mrs. Jones . . . certainly . . . I'll be glad to pick up Susan." And he tucks away . . . but never quite completely . . . another of his people's problems, looks life in the face with his own weakness and is strengthened anew by his own faith.

What is a minister?

He is a man.

Sometimes he is not sure what he is himself or how well he does what he does.

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The only thing that he knows is there is a job to do and somehow in a great over-all plan he has a part in it and he thanks God for it.

-The Presbyterian Outlook

UNUSUAL PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

China

"Help each one of us, gracious Father, to live in such maganimity and restraint that the Head of the church may never have cause to say to any one of us, 'This is my body broken by you.'"

Africa

"God in heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. Satan, like a bird, has carried in one twig of his own choosing after another. Before I knew it he had built a dwelling place and was living in it.

Tonight, my Father, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest.

Amen."

New Guinea

"Teach me to pray -- thus help me to bore a hole through which I can see Thee."

India

An Indian boy prayed thus before writing an examination: "Our Father, help me to pass my examinations. May the whole school pass. May the whole world pass."

STRADIVARI'S VIEW OF HIS WORK

When my master holds twixt hand and chin
A violin of mine, he will be glad
That Stradivari lived, made violins,
And made them of the best....
For while God gives them skill,
I give them instruments to play upon,
God using me to help Him....
If my hand slacked I should rob God,
Leaving a blank behind instead of violins.
He could not make Antonio Stradivari's
violins without Antonio.

- Source Unknown

SPIRITUAL REPAIR

A certain religious paper published in Switzerland gives the following common sense: "When you have a toothache you go to a dentist. When you need a pair of shoes you go to the store. When you have an important affair, you upset your routine and go to your banker, notary, lawyer, government office, or to the principal of your children's school. When you have something wrong with your soul you stop going to church, stay at home full of bitterness, and wait for years for your pastor to call on you. When he arrives you heap reproach on him. Is it normal? Your pastor has office hours, and a telephone. What are you waiting for?"

— The King's Highway

THE SUPERIOR MAN

1. He is spiritual - meaning that his joys are more of the mind than of the body.
2. He likes simplicity. He uses simple words, has simple habits, eats simple foods, finds simple pleasure in simple forms of play.
3. He likes to serve.
4. He is above his pleasures. He has pleasures, but none of them are bigger than he is. He can put by any or all of them for principle.
5. He is clean. He may have to get dirty in the course of work or service, but at the first opportunity he cleans up. His thoughts and actions are clean and wholesome.
6. He is never bitter. Pessimism is the philosophy of vulgarity. Rising above disaster marks the hero.
7. He is gentle. All noise is waste. God is in the still small voice.
8. He is humble-minded. Pride learns nothing. Humility is royal, walking free of fear and favor.
9. The superior man is one with whom familiarity does not breed contempt. He wears well.

John Wesley's Motto

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and by God's grace I will do.

NO. 9

NEWSLETTER

October
1963

Anniversary Issue

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg: 10.15
Westover: 11.35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg: 11.15
Westover: 11.15

Parsonage: R.R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Dear Friends:

On Sept. 22 and 29 we celebrate the 118th and 119th anniversaries of Westover and Mountsburg Churches, respectively. We hope you share these joyous occasions with us. A very special welcome awaits all who only recently settled in our communities.

We sadly record the death of Mrs. Edna Hysert of Mountsburg on August 27. The family has since removed to Waterdown. "The Way," wrote Betty Kunkel in Home Life Magazine, "to overcome grief or tragedy or or failure or fear is to undertake creative action for someone else."

From Aug. 13 to 27, two miners suffered pain, hunger, thirst and hallucinations while trapped for two weeks more than 300 feet underground in a Pennsylvaniz mine. When Henry Throne told of the ordeal, he concluded: "Until now, I never went to church more than a couple of times in my life. Now I'll go regular. I want to keep thanking God." (Hamilton Spectator Aug. 28).

For the picture of the old Mountsburg Church, which is reproduced on the next page, we are indebted to Mrs. B. Gunby, a senior member. Thank you.

On Sept. 23, your pastor will resume his studies at McMaster Divinity College.

A sincere thank-you from us all goes to the leaders and assistants of the Mountsburg Vacation Bible School, Aug. 26 to 30, especially to our young people: Barbara and Meredith Seeley, Linda Wingrove, Donna Page, Cheryl Easterbrook, Barbara Elliott. We needed you and liked your dedication to a Christian service well done. 29 children will fondly remember you.

Westover Church recently acquired eaves-troughs for the roof of the vestry. Several of our men helped to put them up. Now the pastor will keep his feet dry in the pulpit. In addition, the pianists' fingernails and the congregation's ears will get gentler treatment, since the piano was tuned, and a number of ivories was replaced on the keyboard. Soon you will sit more comfortably in church, too, as soon as...

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg

LADIES' AID: home of Mrs. J. Bell Oct. 2.
(first Wednesday of every month).
S.S. RALLY DAY SERVICE: promotion, Oct. 6.
pins, diplomas; film: "For Thee I Live"
THANKSGIVING COMMUNION SERVICE: Oct. 13
MISSION BAND: during the worship service.
JUNIOR BAPTIST HIGH FELLOWSHIP: for boys and girls, ages 11-13, begins in October.
You will hear from your leaders,
Mrs. A. Page and Mrs. J. Bell.
SENIOR BAPTIST HIGH FELLOWSHIP: for young people, ages 14 and up, starts in Oct.
Counsellors are Mrs. D. Wingrove and Mrs. G. Rath.

. . . At Westover

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Oct. 6
WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: Oct. 9
Mrs. M. Lawrence, 8 Thorpe St. Dundas.
(Second Wed. aft. of each month at 2.30)
HARVEST HOME SERVICE: Oct. 13
BROWNIES: every Monday, 7 to 8.15 p.m.
JUNIOR BAPTIST HIGH FELLOWSHIP: for boys and girls, ages 12-14, Sundays, 7:15-9.
SENIOR BAPTIST HIGH FELLOWSHIP: for young people, ages 15 and up, Sundays 7:15-9.

In Lighter Vein

Grade 4 teacher: Now, can anyone tell me who Joan of Arc was?

Little girl: I think she was Noah's wife.

Membership Class

If you wish to find out what is involved in becoming and being a church member, please contact your pastor. A course, lasting six hour-sessions, may start in October or January. Are you interested?

Family Fellowship Nights will have a new look early in November: bowl, sing, eat, laugh.

Text-of-the-Month: (Acts 8:36-38 RSV)

"See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." . . . and he baptized him.

Mountsburg

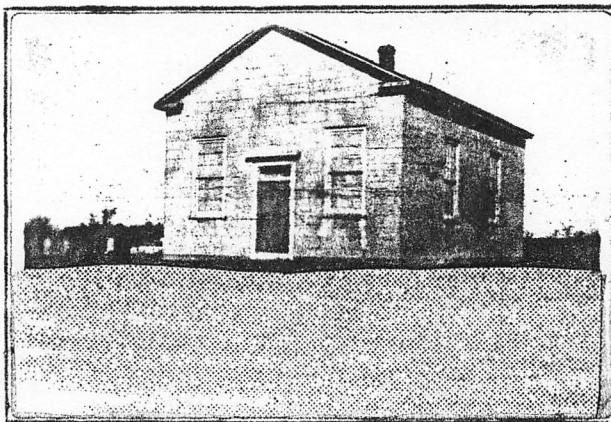
In 1849, when services in the Brock Road Church ceased, "Bible Readings" were held each Lord's Day morning in the home of Deacon Thomas Wingrove, and a preaching service in the afternoon in Mountsburg School.

The thirteen charter members laid a strong spiritual foundation for their families' Christian future, for today many of the supporters of our church are descendants of these godly pioneers. Thomas Wingrove and his wife, Catherine, were represented here for many years be the members of the Mount family. Others on the first roll were

George, Ann and Julia Fearnley, Alexander Robertson Sr., Alexander Robertson Jr., Margaret and Ann Robertson, James Wingrove Jr., Lucy Wingrove, Sarah Titmas, Loammi Sutton.

Within two years the membership rose to twenty, among whom were John and Catherine Maddaugh, and James Wingrove Sr., the great-grandfather of several of our present members. A few years later, we find the names of Revell, Wheeler, Cartwright, and other members of the Wingrove family.

The year 1852 marks a milestone in the life of our church. A new house of God, where our fathers and forefathers were to worship the Lord for seventy years, was erected -on the same site as the present edifice,- at a cost of 116 pounds, eight shillings and nine pence sterling or app. \$580. The opening of this new building was an occasion for rejoicing, taking place on Saturday, November 6th, and continuing over Sunday, with Elder Clutton as the speaker. In January a tea-meeting was held to help defray the debt on the new building. The pews of this church of 1852 are still being used in our Church School auditorium today, in 1963.



Mountsburg Baptist Church
1852 - 1922

Westover

The hardy pioneers, who hewed wood and stone from the forest to build their early homes, were equally concerned about the quality of their church life, that the Christian principles on which it was founded be kept strong and virile, and so for some fifty years we find them meeting on Saturday afternoon, prior to each Communion service, for Covenant Meetings.

So seriously did they take these meetings, that a regular attendance of between fifty and sixty is recorded, even in the heat of harvest.

Discipline was strict, and the "backslider" was enjoined to make confession of his or her fault, one to another and to God, and be restored into fellowship with members, before partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Others were encouraged to praise God for his mercies, and to share, with each other, the blessings received. God's blessing rested on these meetings, as

new converts were continually being added to the church.

Those listed as charter members were: John and Lydia Westover, Joseph and Harriet Mason, John Embury Sr., John Embury Jr., Ann and Esther Embury, George and Mary Archer, Samuel Cook, Edmund Crickmore, William and Mary Nunn, Frederick and Mary Miles, James and Mary Jamieson, Catherine Fletcher, Elizabeth Shaver, Simeon Titmus, James and Margaret Wilson, John Shaver, Jesse Nunn, and Sarah Stringer; 26 in all (not 22).

The first recorded baptism took place in December 1848 in the open pond, and in 1849 a gracious revival resulted in the reception of thirty new members, following their profession of faith through Believer's Baptism by immersion, at which time they joined the Grand River Association of Baptist Churches.

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INSTANT FAMILIES

We have "instant" everything these days, and now comes another recipe. Writing in the Globe and Mail, Mrs. Thelma Dickman quotes this from Dr. Ben Schlesinger of the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto:

"Take a cup of romance and a quart of love, and to these add a youth who is just 18, finishing high school and has no trade, and a girl of 16 who has been dating since the age of 12, gone steady three times and read all the love books she could find. Mix with a half-dozen credit cards, stir with a portion of our ever mobile society, atomic anxieties and fear of a third world war.

"Add a pinch of parents too busy to teach and guide their children. Throw in sex, ignorance about birth control, and early pregnancy. And you have an instant family."

"Are there any ways parents can prevent their children from marrying too young?

"Only a few - but they can be effective.

"We should discourage the practice of going steady. If a young daughter does go out with a boy, parents should try to get her to bring him home after school or after the movies -- and make sure they're at home when she does.

"Children shouldn't be given more freedom than they can handle easily. Children, even of high-school age, need discipline and supervision. Our minister told me that parents should gang up on their kids instead of letting it happen the other way around. He said many parents take the easy way out of arguments with their children. They should stand firm on what they consider to be the right course of action.

"A young girl must be given more reason for being alive than the capture of a young man. One bitter young wife said that her mother always worried about her popularity instead of her future, and she believed her mother would have been more upset if she'd missed a dance than if she'd failed

in school.

"Above all, children need to know that they are loved. All the experts agree that if they experience love in their family, and see their parents giving each other respect and affection, they stand an excellent chance of building sound, happy lives of their own."

LET ME NOT HATE

O Master mind, let me not hate,
Restrain my hot, impulsive will;
And when my angry thoughts berate
My brother, bid my lips be still.

Redeemer, Lord, save me from hate.
Forgive me, from Thy bitter cross
O lover of Thy foes, negate
My unforgiving pagan cross.

Dear Comrade Christ, I will not hate.
If then I cannot kill will skill,
Help me, like Thee, to dedicate
My willing life to Thy good will.

O purge, pure Christ, this frenzied hate
From every human brother's heart,
Lest love, "too little and too late"
Should hopeless find its futile part.

O loving Jesus, let me hate
Iniquity, help me transcend
All lines that bound each fighting state
With love that makes my foe my friend."

- Ross W. Sanderson
Buffalo, N. Y.

IN CHRIST I HAVE

A LOVE that can never be fathomed.
A LIFE that can never die.
A RIGHTEOUSNESS that can never be tarnished.
A PEACE that cannot be understood.
A REST that cannot be disturbed.
A JOY that can never be diminished.
A HOPE that can never be disappointed.
A LIGHT that can never be darkened.
A HAPPINESS that can never be interrupted.
A STRENGTH that can never be enfeebled.
A PURITY that can never be defiled.
A BEAUTY that can never be marred.
A WISDOM that can never be baffled.
RESOURCES that can never be exhausted.

- Selected

AN INDIAN'S INTERPRETATION
of the
TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Maker up in Heaven my Shepherd is. I belong to Him. When I am with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is Love, and He draws me, and He draws me gently, to a place where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous and I eat and lie down satisfied. Some days I get very weak and fall down but He lifts me up and gives me new life again. He leads me into a good trail. He always keeps His word. Sometime, it may be a little time, a long time, a long, long time, I do not know, He will draw me into a deep place between mountains. It is dark there but I will pull back not and I will be afraid not for it is in there that the Great Shepherd Chief will meet me and then the hunger that I have felt in my heart all through this life will satisfied be. Sometimes He makes the Love rope into a whip but afterward He gives me a good stick to lean on. For me He sets a table with everything good to eat on it. He puts His hand on my head and all the 'tired' is gone. He fills my cup till it runs over. What I tell you is straight, I speak with one tongue, I talk two ways not. All along the trail ahead I will have good things and afterward I will move to the Big Teepee and life with the Great Shepherd Chief.

(Crow Indian Mission,
Lodge Grass, Montana,
W. A. Petzoldt)

"I AM YOUR CHURCH"

"I am your church. I am here because you erected me. I am situated in your midst. I will be a cherished landmark to the thousands who will come to my doors in the coming years.

You built me because you knew that your life would be incomplete, that it would not be full without me. I am your church.

But I am not here simply to adorn; I am here to serve. Your children and growing youth come to me to be taught the ways of honesty, industry and morality through Christianity. Your brides and grooms come to my altar that their

wedlock may be hallowed and sweetened by divine blessings. I am your church.

I comfort your sick and sorrowing; I bury your dead, and offer rest and solace to the weary.

Pardon and peace are my boon to the sin-burdened soul and my message of mercy brings new life. To your aged I give courage and quiet, and cause their children to call them blessed. I am your church.

My doors swing open to all - rich, poor, bond and free. My pulpit rings out the message of good will to men, of peace and pardon through the Saviour's love to all. I teach you the way of life through Jesus Christ, and guide you on the road to heaven. I am your church.

Come, worship with me, and support me, and I will serve you all my days.

Make me worthy of your support."

ALL KINDS OF MEMBERS

(Adapted from "Be a Wonder to Yourself" by David MacLennan).

A lot of members are like wheelbarrows-
Not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes- need to be paddled.

Some are like kites-if a string isn't
kept on them they'll fly away.

Some are like kittens-they are more
contented when patted.

Some are like footballs-you can't tell
which way they'll bounce next.

Some are like balloons-full of wind
and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers-they have to be
pulled.

Some are like lights-they keep going on
and off.

Many, thank God, are like the North
Star - there when you need them, dependable, ever loyal, and a guide to all people.

NO. 10

NEWSLETTER

November
1963

Greetings, News, and Inspiration

Hours of Worship

Mountsburg - 10.15
Westover - 11.35

Minister

H. G. Rath
Freelton 659-3653

Sunday School

Mountsburg - 11.15
Westover - 11.15

Parsonage: R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.

Hello, Everyone!- The pastor wishes to thank you who have responded to my call for contributions from your pens. We can use lots more for the NEWSLETTER.

Our Anniversaries

We celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. As we worshipped God we found ourselves relieved of life's cares and burdens, and, departing, yoked with Christ's yoke of compassionate concern for our fellow men.

One hundred and fifty-four men, women, young people and children joined in worship on that day in Westover, many of whom signed the guest book.

Two hundred and one people shared the services in Mountsburg. The narthex is now graced with an oil painting of the first church building, which was presented to us by Mr. Chester Mayhew in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Revell.

Serious, Yet not too Serious

"For every minute you are angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

People in the News

During the evening Anniversary Service at Mountsburg, on September 29, four young people, three of whom are sisters, were baptized by the pastor on profession of their faith in Jesus Christ: Miss Nancy Priest, Mrs. Douglas Dent (then still Miss Lynne Seeley), and Misses Barbara and Meredith Seeley. All, except Lynne (for reasons within her control!), and Mrs. Jack Gunby were received into church mem-

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Jobs Unlimited

Help wanted:

One Stencil Cutter or "Cuttress"
in Mountsburg and Westover.

Two Mimeographing Machine Operators
in Mountsburg.

No experience necessary.

Satisfaction guaranteed to cheerful workers. First come, first served.

The Active Church At Mountsburg:

JUNIOR B.H.F. (boys and girls ages 11-13)

Go to your Hallowe'en Party. Regular meetings every first and third Monday of the month at the church, 7:30-9 p.m.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 8 p.m. Nov. 1

See next page for the programme.

OUR CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY BRANCH: Nov. 5

Annual Get-together. Full programme:

address by Rev. W. H. Moore, film, special music, lunch. Time: 8 p.m.,

at Freelton United Church.

LADIES' AID: 2.30 p.m. Nov. 6

Hostess: Mrs. W. Revell.

. . . . At Westover:

"UNICEF" HALLOWE'EN NIGHT Oct. 31

Boys and girls, get yourselves a collection box at church on Sunday.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 8 p.m. Nov. 6

See next page for the programme.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 p.m. Nov. 13

Hostess: Mrs. P. Hamilton.

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(Continued) bership on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 13. Lynne will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship next Communion Sunday, November 3....Congratulations to the Jim Birds on the safe arrival of their second boy, David Owen, on October 7...Godspeed to the newlyweds, Lynne (Seeley) and Doug Dent, who were married in Mountsburg Church on October 12.... Ellen Elizabeth Rath was dedicated to God by her parents in Mountsburg, on Oct. 20.

"O Master, let me walk with Thee . . ."

All our hearts were saddened at the sudden death of Mr. Frank Atkinson, on September 28, and at the passing of Mrs. Amelia Maas, mother of Mr. Frank Maas, on October 4. We offer our Christian sympathy to the bereaved families.

Text-of-the-Month: (Philippians 3:14)

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Here is your

F A M I L Y F E L L O W S H I P N I G H T

Fun and fellowship (and eats) for all ages
Don't miss this monthly good time together

Mountsburg

Date: Friday, November 1st

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Place: At the church

Programme:

Singing

Films (see below)

Games:

Table games for pre-schoolers

Junior Bowling (pre-teenage)

Progressive Crokinole, etc.

Surprise Charades for all

Lunch

Westover

Date: Wednesday, November 6th

Time: 7:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Place: At the church

Programme:

Games for all

Junior Bowling (pre-teenage)

Films (see below)

Singsong

Lunch

The Movie Films

Bird Neighbours

Canadian birds in their natural surroundings. Colour close-ups.
A demonstration is given of how to build bird houses and attract birds.

The Saddlemaker

From Alberta's cowboy country, a story of a young girl's first love - a saddle.

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Cut here and give the signed invitation to a friend or neighbour

A Special Invitation to You
and Your Family

to come to our

F A M I L Y F E L L O W S H I P N I G H T

At Mountsburg Baptist Church

Date: Friday, November 1st

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

At Westover Baptist Church

Date: Wednesday, November 6th

Time: 7:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Singing.....Games.....Films.....Bowling.....Lunch

Bird Neighbours

The Saddlemaker

_____ is inviting you to share a good time together.

Mountsburg

Two years prior to the building of the first church edifice, on September 25, 1850, a Service of Recognition was held, presumably in the schoolhouse, at which the members accepted a Declaration of Faith, and changed the name from Brock Road Church to The Regular Baptist Church, Flamboro East. (Only about thirty years ago did our church become known as Mountsburg Church and affiliate with the Niagara-Hamilton Association.) Delegates from the churches in Dundas, St. George, Sheffield, and First and Second Beverly shared in the Recognition Service, at which an Ordination Council proceeded to set apart for the ministry Mr. Job Moxom, who, together with his wife, had united with the church six months before, and showed ability to preach. Elder Babcock was the moderator. The Ordination Service itself did not take place until March 24, 1852. In June the church became part of the Grand River Association, which later affiliated with the Midland Counties Association, and eventually became known as the Guelph Association.

In October 1850, monthly Covenant Meetings were established, and the "Psalmist" was adopted as a hymnbook. Elder Clutton came at certain intervals to conduct the ordinances, and some thirteen Christians were baptized by him during this two-year period. Discipline was very strict, and woe to the man who was heard swearing at his wife, let alone committing more flagrant sins. The Covenant Meetings brought confessions one to another and to God, and such discipline, whilst to our minds, seemingly, at times very severe, served to cleanse the soul, renew fellowship, one with another, and open the channel of communion with our heavenly Father, which by the grieving of the Holy Spirit had become blocked. When the sanctuary was opened in 1852, the church had since its inception received twenty-three new members, all but two by baptism, but death and removal had taken away nine, leaving a membership of twenty-seven.

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Westover

In December 1849, the first pastor was called in the person of Elder Isaac Elliot, and the new year 1850 began with the planning of a house of worship. Deacon John Westover gave the land for a church and cemetery, and, with William Wallace and Duncan McKenzie, became the first trustees. To these names were added those of John Embury and James Jamieson to form a Building Committee. A fine brick church - the same as is in use today - was opened on November 17, 1850. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the pastor, Elder Elliot, who used as his text Haggai 1:7-9; his sermon was followed by another from Elder Clutton, who spoke from Zechariah 4:10. Each sermon lasted for one hour. In the evening, two more addresses were given by Elder Clark and Brother Moxom, the former using I John 4:19 as his text.

Elder Elliot resigned at the close of 1850, and a call was extended to Brother George Patton of St. George. At this time a Bagster's Bible was presented to the church by Marget Shaver and Sarah Brickmore.

The year 1851 is noted for three outstanding events. In February Bro. George Patton was ordained, and our young church began reaching out with the gospel message through services in Thompson's schoolhouse in Nelson, on the Guelph Road, and in the Valens schoolhouse. Elder Patton - as he was known now, the term Elder being used as we apply Reverend - had the joy of adding forty-two professing Christians to the church roll during his ministry of four and one-half years.

For seventeen months, from May 1855 on, the church was served by Elders Ephraim Smith and Caldwell, followed by a four-year period where the flock was pastorless, Except for part-time supply by Elder W. P. Hazelton, who settled here in 1861.

WHAT IS A BOY?

After a male baby has grown out of long clothes and triangles and has acquired pants, freckles, and so much dirt that relatives do not dare to kiss it between meals, it becomes a boy.

A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

He is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. A noise, covered with smudges.

He is called a tornado, because he comes at the most unexpected times, hits the most unexpected places, and leaves everything a wreck behind him.

He is a growing animal of superlative promise to be fed and watered and kept warm.

He is a joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our time, the hope of a nation. Every boy is evidence that God is not discouraged by man.

Boys are useful in running errands. A boy can easily do the family errands with the aid of five or six adults. The zest with which a boy does an errand is equalled only by the speed of a turtle on a July day.

The boy is a natural spectator. He watches parades, fires, fights, ball games, automobiles, boats, and airplanes, with equal fervor, but not the clock.

Boys faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners.

A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights, and nine helpings of pie.

- The Canadian Mentor

REASONS WHY WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

1. THE CHURCH-

Provides the place, leadership and fellowship for worship of God, the creator of heaven and earth.

2. THE CHURCH-

Is the protector of our communities, property being more valuable, human life safer and virtue loss in danger where Christian institutions exist. Her house of worship and work is a witness to God every day in the year, a symbol of all that is good, a call to all that is holy.

3. THE CHURCH -

Is the conservator of the values of the past, the creator of ideals in the present, and the torchbearer of tomorrow's progress.

4. THE CHURCH -

Is the great mother of children, consecrating them in infancy, educating them in her homes and schools, training them for service, preparing them to meet temptation; and, should they wander or fall by the way, the church is ever receiving them in forgiving and restoring grace.

5. THE CHURCH -

Sends a steady stream of consecrated men and women into every avenue of life, making our schools religious, promoting civic reforms, carrying Christian ethics into economics, thus helping on the answer to her prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."

6. THE CHURCH -

Through its ministers and members is continually carrying on a ministry of consolidation to the aged, the sick, the sorrowful, the tempted, the lonely, and the troubled - a service that never can be tabulated in reports nor paid for in gold - without which life for multitudes would be empty for meaning and hopelessly forlorn.

People who say they can worship God ANYWHERE generally worship Him NOWHERE.

IT ALL DEPENDS !

When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's slow. But when I take a long time to do something, I'm thorough.

When the other fellow doesn't do it, he's too lazy. But when I don't do it, I'm too busy.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds. But when I go ahead and do something without being told, that's initiative.

When the other fellow states his side of the question strongly, he's bull-headed. But when I state my side of the question strongly, I'm being firm.

When the other fellow does something that pleases the boss, he's polishing the brass. But when I do something that pleases the boss, that's co-operation.

When the other fellow gets ahead, he sure had the lucky breaks. But when I manage to get ahead - I came up the hard way through ambition and hard work.

- Selected

THIS IS THE WAY

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"It is surprising how many situations this attitude may affect. If opportunity offers to go out of the way and give someone a lift, it may be out of the way - but not out of the way of love. If one is tempted to be impatient with the children, with other members of the family, with personalities at school, at work or in stores, that thought stands quietly ready to help The way of love means love for God, for man, and all living creatures. As simple as

breathing but universal in application: HELP ME TO WALK TODAY IN THE WAY OF LOVE."

- Selected

ADVICE TO PREACHERS

(Scraps from the Pastor's Scrapbook, shared with the other Pastors who read THE NEWSLETTER)

You are not a preacher, no matter whose hands have been on your head, unless you know the Truth and are anointed by the Spirit. A horse that can run is a racer with or without a pedigree.

Do not repeat sentences, saying, "As I said before." If you said it plainly before, say something else after.

Pack your sermons. Make your words like bullets in cartridges. A board hurts a man most when it strikes him edgewise.

Empty vessels ring loudest, and when a man is empty he often yells.

Do not think every brook is deep because you cannot see the bottom, nor call yourself a deep diver because you bring up mud.

Do not feed bones to babies, nor dish-water to adults.

Some preachers are so afraid of being cowards that they are always on the warpath. The aim of such preachers is to scalp someone in every sermon. But the human heart cannot live on anathemas. Spunk is good, but the servant of the Lord is to be more than a fightingcock.

A leader of men must be patient. A congregation is a flock of sheep. Some sheep can only walk slowly; some lambs have to be carried; occasionally an old ram must be handled with discretion.

Many of our sermons could be likened to a fine winter day: short, clear, cold. Brevity is good, clearness is better, but coldness is fatal. Moonlight preaching ripens no harvest.

Success never comes of its own accord. It has to be fetched.

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Dear Friends:

Warm Christmas greetings come to you from us all at the two churches, and we hope they reach you well and happy. During the blessed Christmas season, our pastor will visit some of you who cannot join in our fellowship and worship at church. May he read from your personal or family Bible and pray with you?

A special "God bless you" we extend to recent newcomers to the communities and to our churches. Do feel welcome in our midst, for "the Lord hath need of you."

What does the New Year hold in store for you and me? Can we confidently face it? How does God come into the picture at all? Will He . . . ?

A Happy New Year to You!

- - -

A wise old owl sat on an oak:

The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;-
Why can't we be like that old bird?

God wove a web of loveliness
Of stars and trees and birds;
But made not anything at all
So beautiful as words.

- Selected by Lena V. Campbell

S-O-S---Urgently Needed---S-O-S

Someone who will cut two stencils each month, and some one or two, who will run off copies on the mimeographing machine.

Y o u t h C o r n e rMountsburg

Dec. 2 Junior BHF

Dec. 16 7.30 to 9

Senior BHF:

Dec. 15 "Christmas"

Dec. 23 Carolling

Dec. 8 and 29 meetings cancelled.

WestoverBrownies: Mondays

from 7 to 8:15

Junior & Sen. BHF

Sundays: 7:15 - 9

Dec. 22 Pageant

The Active Church At Mountsburg:

Dec. 1 COMMUNION SERVICE: at 10:15 a.m.

Dec. 4 LADIES' AID: at 2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. H. Wigood.

Dec. 6 ANNUAL CHURCH SUPPER and
CHRISTMAS CONCERT: at 6.30 sharp
Santa is expected...See you all.

Dec. 22 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: at Westover.

Joint Christmas Service at 8 p.m.

Dec. 31 WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: at 11.15 p.m.
Jointly for both churches.

At Westover:

Dec. 4 FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 8 p.m.

Dec. 8 COMMUNION SERVICE: at 11.35 a.m.

Special offering for needy pas-
tors, missionaries, their wives.

Dec. 11 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: at 2 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Miller McDonough.

Dec. 15 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: S.S.

programme, pins & certificates,
and Santa's visit: at 7.30 p.m.

Dec. 22 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: at 8 p.m.

Presented by our young people.
Westover Choir will sing.

Dec. 31 WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: at 11.15 p.m.

Held in Mountsburg Church. Let
us see the old year out and the
New Year in as one church family.

We extend our sincere sympathy at this time of loss to the family of the late Mr. Glen Shaver Morrison, member of Westover Church, who died suddenly Oct. 28.

...News Flashes...Nov.22, 3:20 a.m., birth of Richard Milford Rintoul. Both fine.

Dec. 3 Lynne Dent was received into church membership at Mountsburg...Bible Society Canvass at Freelton, Strabane and Mountsburg - \$346....Doug Wingrove's heifers placed favourably at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair...generous offerings needed to balance church budgets on December 31...repeat...

Text-of-the-month: (Luke 2:11)

Mountsburg

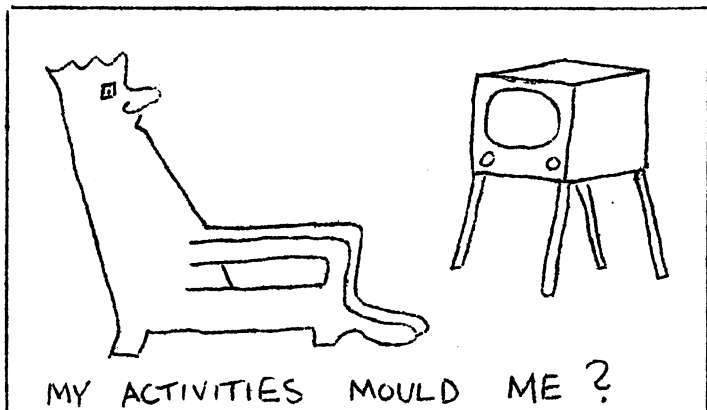
In 1854, Elder Moxom resigned, and for several years the church was without a regular minister, except for a short period when Elder Hoyle served. Church affairs came to be in a very unsettled condition, and Elder Clutton --then of First Church, Dorchester-- who seemed to have an oversight of many of the churches of the district, made efforts, both in 1857 and again in 1858, to get the services started again.

In March 1858, the people agreed to meet for prayer and to commence a Sunday School,--the first record we have of Sunday School work at Mountsburg. Owing to dissension among the members, the Ordinances were neglected, but in March 1859, Elder Clutton agreed to come from Dorchester once a month, so that they might observe Communion.

In March of 1860, Mr. Wm. Forsyth became pastor, with visiting elders to conduct the Ordinances until Mr. Forsyth's ordination, on Feb. 26, 1862. At this ordination Rev. T. L. Davidson of Guelph--one of our early stalwarts--was moderator, and there were representatives from the churches of Guelph, Dundas, Hamilton, St. George, Beverley.

Another item worthy of note was the decision to take an offering at the "Lord's Table," to defray the expenses of the Communion Service, with the balance to be designated by the church. Morning and evening services were begun.

In 1865, Beverley (Westover) Church desired to unite with us in the support of a pastor. It was agreed on on a three-month trial basis, Elder Forsyth to give them alternate Sundays, entirely.

Westover

During the period before Elder Hazelton settled as pastor, a slight split occurred when some who differed in doctrinal opinions, severed their connections here and joined the Particular Baptists. The church suffered a severe loss in 1862, when Deacon John Westover, the giver of the land, died. In the fall of the same year, the cenetery was fenced in at a cost of \$50, in addition to the lumber and the posts which were donated.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
(Assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963)

All generous hearts lament the
leader killed,
The young chief with the smile,
the radiant face,
The winning way that turned a
wondrous race
Into sublimer pathways, leading on.
Grant to us Life that though
the man be gone,
The promise of his spirit be
fulfilled.

- John Masefield

After Elder Hazelton's resignation in 1863, Deacon Blasdall preached acceptably for a time. Visiting elders conducted the Ordinances until October 1864, when Mr. Elijah Chesney was ordained. Dr. R. A. Fyfe, head of Woodstock College--which was then a preparatory school for Baptist ministerial students--took an important part in this ordination, as he did again in that of Mr. James Samis in 1870. Another item worthy of note concerning Mr. Chesney is that almost seventy years later, in 1939, he was conducting a Bible Class in his home in Michigan, at the age of 96. A Licentiate's Permit-to-Preach was granted to Deacon John Embury. Also about this time, several converts from the Nelson services were added to the church.

In 1865, a motion was recorded, requiring seven male members to form a quorum for any business meeting. In the same year Westover Church tried union with Mountsburg, but apparently it did not come to fruition, as we find Elder John Rice accepting the pastorate in 1867 (-1868).

P R A Y E R

Prayer is so simple,
It is like quietly opening a door
And slipping into the very presence
of God,
There is the stillness
To listen for His voice,
Perhaps to petition,
Or only to listen,
It matters not;
Just to be there
In His presence
Is prayer.

- Selected

WALK IN THE WAY OF LOVE

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- Selected

FOUR NAMES

The Scriptures give four names to Christians, taken from the four cardinal graces so essential to Man's salvation: saints for their holiness, believers for their faith, brethren for their love, disciples for their knowledge.

- A. Fuller

A MAN SHOULD NEVER -

Be ashamed to admit that he has been wrong.
Be too proud to be found among humble people.
Be afraid to confess his interest in beautiful things.
Be unwilling to listen to the advice of those who know.
Be so busy that he has no time for a child.
Be so important that he cannot take time for an old friend.
Be satisfied with the success he has not really worked for.

- Roy L. Smith.

Face the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

COURT FLAYS NON-CHURCH-GOING DADS

"Fathers who stay home while their wives take the children to church are to blame for much of the juvenile delinquency," Magistrate Fred Thomson said in court, as he heard an Etobicoke man describe how an experiment with his 17-year-old son ended with the boy's arrest.

"If only mothers take their sons to church it has a psychological effect on the boys," he said. "It makes them feel that religion is for the weak and not for the strong."

The boy was given two years suspended sentence when he pleaded guilty to stealing from his garage employer.

The father was advised by the magistrate to go to church with his son.

"The basic reason for juvenile problems is that the boy or girl involved in almost every case in our courts has dropped away from religion," the magistrate said.

A compliment, like perfume, should be inhaled lightly - not swallowed.

A DOLLAR BILL TELLS ITS OWN STORY

Believe me, so far I've had an interesting career. Talk about going places and meeting people - Barnacle Bill has nothing on Dollar Bill.

Like yourself, I don't remember when I first saw the light of day. Light has rarely been my element anyway. I stick mostly to the dark places - pockets, purses, desk-drawers, vaults and all that sort of thing. I get into the queerest places. Five times I've been tossed on to the counter in beer joints. And each time I said to myself, "Here's where I reform and get out of the gutter." But after a trip to the bank I found myself in the pocket of another pubcrawler and lurched into the beer-stand again. Incorrigible! Twice I have been kicked around on the street - walked on, spit on, run over, and blown about by the wind along with some garbage. Each time a child found me; and it did me some good to see him made so happy.

Right there, Mister, is something I can't understand. I make some persons happy - they even thank God for me. But I make others ill-tempered and miserable.

I've been traded for everything from gasoline to peanuts. I have travelled half way round the world. Once I spent an hour with the Queen of England - she was in Canada at the time. She gave me to her son Charles, and he traded me for a birthday present for his father, the Duke of Edinburgh.

I've been to church often, but somehow I've never had much chance to be religious. When I go to church I usually stay in my master's pocket. Very rarely am I given a chance to sit on the velvet cushion on the offering plate where I can look around and see what goes on. I did that once in Vancouver and again in Hamilton. It was fun. Most of the time it irks me to see those pesky little dimes and nickels trying to do the things for God that I could do ten times or twenty times as well. Mind you, I'm not boasting; it's just that I know my own ability.

Let me tell you about the last time I was let out in church. My master at that

time was a real Christian. So many Christians are miserly, but my master that time had a brush of the real thing. He had put me in a little envelope on his last pay-day. And on Sunday, he took me to church, and he whispered, "God bless you, Bill" and put me on the velvet plate. A fellow with a boutonniere carried us up the church aisle. It was fun to look up into people's faces. And the minister lovingly put us on the communion table.

After service that day a handsome man came along and took us into a side room. Two other men were there. One of them let me out of the envelope where my master had placed me, and the other wrote something on a page. I think it was a "credit" to my master.

After that a man took me to the bank ... And that's where I'm waiting now, wondering where I'll go next. It won't be for beer or gasoline or peanuts anyway. I wonder if it will be to help pay for the pastor's groceries, or will I be given to the jolly man who cares for the building? Maybe the organist will have me for a day, or I'll be used to buy some stamps or to send out some church letters. Some of my companions on that plate have already gone about their work. Some are helping to buy fuel; others are going to do missionary work in India or South America or Africa.

I tell you, it's exciting to be a dollar bill - when they take you to church.

REVERENCE

Reverence is the highest quality of the human mind. It distinguishes man from animals. They share with him some of the noblest affections, courage, sympathy, patience and love. But of all earthly beings, man alone is filled with awe in the presence of the starry heavens and in the contemplation of life, destiny and God. Reverence is the essence of the supreme good. When it decays, character degenerates, for it is the tonic quality of the soul.

"I have in my heart," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "a little plant called reverence; I go to church to have it watered." This is an example for us all. Our country's greatest need is a greater measure of reverence for childhood, womanhood, personality, truth, justice, privacy, law, religion, and God. "

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Dear Friends:

A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Like every newborn child, every new year is full of promise. How will our expectations fare? Main thing, we bury our past disappointments and pessimism. We have a new year! A glad new start! Fresh effort!

When the Westover Young People put on the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Sunday evening, many said: What a wonderful Choir our Young People make! Congratulations to you. You did well, and you deserve the praise. With regular practice you will become masters. Could the Choir sing at every service? Only, if we hold Sunday School before church. Maybe at 10.45 a.m.?

How broad would be the smiles, if we would put a stop to the growth of ulcers, the discomfort of headaches, and the excessive use of ink. And it's so easy. You have guessed right: the finances are none too flush. Prices have gone up left and right, especially of the S.S. materials, and our obligations have increased to the Home Mission Board and re the minister's salary. Then there are the never-ending repairs and improvements.

Well, a happy New Year to us all!

God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Christmas Concerts

They were again a real success this year. There was record attendance at both churches. 110 people watched a fine programme in Westover, and 120 people sat down to a most delicious turkey supper in Mountsburg. Thank you all.

Another spanking new baby
A new citizen

A promising child of God
Cheryl Ann McDonough

Born on Dec. 16, a sister for Jeanette, Paul, and Terry. Congratulations and good wishes to the Earl McDonoughs.

The Active Church

- Jan. ? ANNUAL MEETINGS of both churches
Date, place, and time to be announced at the services.
- Jan. 31 Mountsburg FAMILY NIGHT at 8 pm.
Films, fun, food, fellowship.
- Feb. 2 CHRISTIAN YOUTH SUNDAY
Young People participating.
Special speaker.

BAPTISTSWhat They Believe and What They Teach

To promote better understanding among all people, we shall offer here in the months to come a plain statement of the Protestant faith as it is held by Baptists.

1. Baptists believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only Head of the Church, that He is the one and only Saviour, Lord, and Intercessor, and He has given none of His authority or saving power to anyone else.
2. Baptists believe that the Bible and the advice of godly men give us all the knowledge we need in order to be good Christians. They believe it is the right of every man to read and interpret the Bible for himself.

Help---S-O-S---Help

Will anyone cut stencils?
Will anyone help with mimeographing?
These are skills well worth knowing.

"For I know that my redeemer liveth..."

We pray that God may comfort you who mourn for the loss of Edward H. Watson, father of Mrs. Ivan Laking, on Dec. 15, and of Lazar Iovanov, on Dec. 24.

Text-of-the-Month: (2. Cor. 5:17)

"If any man be in Christ, . . . behold, all things are become new."

Adversity may be hard on a man;
Prosperity may be harder.

Mountsburg

Apparently, the union of Westover and this church did not materialize, as we have no further record of it. The church came into a low state of spiritual life, though the monthly covenant meetings were still observed. But on Nov. 11, 1866, a special day of prayer and humiliation was held, on suggestion or request of the denomination, with services commencing at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; thereafter, an improvement in the spiritual state became evident.

Also at this time 15 copies of The Baptist Register (the name first given to The Canadian Baptist) were procured for the members.¹

In 1867, an outstanding event in the life of our church took place, when we were hosts to the Guelph Association. In preparation for this, the church was re-roofed and painted. As the meetings were held on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, most of the delegates, of necessity, remained over Sunday. All who came by train were met at Dundas or Guelph, since there was no nearer point of rail. Consequently, on Sunday three services were conducted, with Revs. John Gerrie, John Sole, and I. J. Rice as speakers.

In August of the same year, Elder Forsyth resigned, but he served the church as an interim pastor till '69. Just prior to his coming nine were added to the membership, and another nine during his pastorate.

From the time Elder Forsyth left, in 1869, to April 1874, the church was under short pastorates and supplies. Those who served as pastors were Elders Mackie, James Samis (under whose brief ministry sixteen were received into the church), Rev. W. S. McDermand and Rev. Archibald Warren.

In 1872, a new effort was made to unite with Westover, and in 1873 union with Waterdown, which had received Associational recognition in 1870, was sought; however, both attempts were futile.

Westover

Elder John Rice, mentioned at the close of our last instalment, left in 1868. He returned in 1871 and served as supply pastor for three years. Then he took over the full charge and remained till his death in 1880, though for the last three years again on a supply basis.

During the interim (1868-71) James Samis came and was ordained in August of 1870. He left, however, a couple of months later, apparently to minister as supply pastor at Mountsburg.

During Elder Rice's pastorate several important improvements were made in the church. A vestry was built and baptistry installed, which was put to good use in 1877 when a great revival took place. Elder W. H. Porter of Brantford and Elder Hazelton assisted Mr. Rice. Meetings were held every night during April, and in May two nights a week and three times on Sundays. The results were that 90 were baptized (one Sunday 32 and the following 43 went through the waters of baptism) on profession of faith in their Lord, and that several more were restored and a few united by letter, making a total of 122 in one year. and a grand total of 145 additions to the church membership during Mr. Rice's stay.

The outstanding feature of this revival was that several times they would spend till one or two a.m. in dealing with inquiring souls, have three or four hours sleep, do their day's work, and then back to church at night. What God can do for us when we let Him!

Ross Shaver was one of the converts at this time. He was eleven years of age when he was baptized, and he lived a faithful and consistently godly life until his homegoing about fifty-eight years later, serving as deacon, and in whatever capacity he could. His grandson, Robert Ross Shaver, is today Sunday School Superintendent and an honoured member of the Dunnville Church.

(to be continued)

¹This information is incorrect. The Baptist Register was the forerunner of the Year Book of the Convention; on the other hand, The Christian Messenger changed its name to The Canadian Baptist already in 1859.

A MEXICAN STATE SHIELD shows the eagle wrestling with the serpent, and the most careful observer cannot tell which will win.

It is, of course, a parable of life: the higher fighting it out with the lower. God above, and that "old serpent the devil" from below, locked in deadly combat in the arena of human relations. Who will win? Will the eagle's talons claw the serpent into his last sleep, or will the serpent inject its deadly poison into the body of the eagle? Will God or the devil win in the world?

And this too: will the higher or the lower win in that miniature arena which is the life of a man?

It is the eagle - God - who will win the contest in the world arena. To expect otherwise would be to posit the kind of world where evil is almighty. God will win: that old serpent the devil will be locked in chains.

And in the miniature arena - what there? God will win there too - if, like the eagle, He is brought into conflict with what is serpentlike. Are you bringing God into the conflict in your life? Are you exposing the serpent to the battle-claws of the Almighty? Only then is victory.

-Selected

THINK THIS OVER

One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbour is much more expressed by saying that I have to make him happy - if I may.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

RETRIBUTION

Many a man goes down to defeat
In a selfish way of living,
By always seeking a chance to cheat,
And taking more than he's giving.

- Oliver Worden

MISTAKES

What's done is done, and we can't turn back -

I've made mistakes - just the same as you;

The same mistakes that all mortals do,
Just little mistakes and big mistakes
Bringing to us little and big heartaches;
Bringing us sorrow and sighs and tears;
Some of them shadowing all our years;
Turning life's song to a sad refrain -
Let's try to forget them and start again!

Let's turn our thoughts to the future,
friend,

And let the past, with its sorrows end;
Let's turn our eyes to a better day,
And let the bitterness fade away;
I've made mistakes, just the same as you,
And millions of souls have made them too;
We've made mistakes like all mortal men -
Let's try to forget them and start again.

Let's turn away from the yesteryears,
And cease our sighing and dry our tears,
What's done is done, and we can't turn back -

Let's bravely start down the future's track,

And sternly strive to efface, erase,
Mistakes we've made, and with smiling face,

Do what we can to help other men
Who've made mistakes, to start again.

-Selected

A pastor's little daughter was in bed with a minor illness. She got the notion she'd like to have her daddy spend some time with her, but her mother intervened. "Your daddy is working in his study and mustn't be disturbed." Five minutes later: "I want to see Daddy!" Again Mother said, "No!" Imagine Mother's surprise when the wee one came out with this: "Mummie, I'm a sick woman, and I want to see my minister!"

-Selected

The real tragedy of life is not in being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use the one talent.

- Edgar W. Work

GROWING OLD

Someone told me "You're growing old," and I laughingly made reply: "I'll tell you how old is old, my friend, if you'll tell me how high is high. Oh sure, I'll admit I'm not so spry, for the years must come and go, but I'll answer the question how old is old, when you tell me how low is low.

Old is a state of mind my friend! You're as old as you wish to be. You're old when no longer you look each spring, for the buds on the lilac tree. You're old when the song of the Jenny Wren no longer is thrilling sweet, or your blood stirs not at the golden path on the lake which a full moon meets.

How old is old? How high is high? or again how low is low? You're not old if you still can picture spring though the land is covered with snow; when the sky's still blue and fleecy clouds your mind with memories fill, and you watch for the rose on the trellis fence and the gold of the daffodil.

Oh sure, I'll admit old bones may creek and the eyes may perhaps grow dim, but your heart is still young if you can still hear a robin out on a limb. If you still rejoice at each new day and wonder what it will bring. Tho' your voice may crack and be out of tune, if your heart is young it will sing.

Old's not a matter of years, my friend; your hair could be snowy white, and your gait not as spry as it used to be, but your smile could be just as bright as when you were 20 or 12 or 10 and the world was a thrilling place; you count the years by your heart, my friend, and not by the lines on your face.

If children call as they pass you by, and friends find an open door, and you dwell not always on what has been but rather on what's before. And if the twilight years slip by, and you gaze at your setting sun, and wonder what tomorrow will hold for you, you're not old, my friend, you're young.

- Mollie Vidler

A FRIENDLY CHURCH

People have a right to expect to find a friendly atmosphere within a church. Even in those who are most untutored in Christian things there is the belief, that Jesus Christ, whatever else He was and is, is an indiscriminating Friend. Some folk may know very little about church life and organization; and they may care very little for the particular sermon of the day; but if the other worshippers are friendly in a true and genuine way, they have done something to commend Christ, and insofar as they have done that the service has been a success.

On the other hand, a church may have something else -- a crowd, a stately service, a flashy preacher, magnificent music -- but if its worshippers are cold and stiff, there is no pleasure in attending. One might as well listen to some canned music in a morgue.

Of course, there are occasional churchgoers who complain that they find no friendliness in any church. The fault is usually in themselves. They come in a critical, disgruntled, cynical spirit and, though they may not believe it, their negative attitude sticks out all over them like the quills of a porcupine. And who wants to shake hands with a porcupine?

There are some, too, who will not think of us as warm and friendly unless we shout "Hallelujah!" and pump their arms for all we are worth.

Normal folk, with a spark of friendliness themselves, will find in the nearby Baptist Church that kindred spirit of warm good-will. And when they go out into the street after a service, they will be able to say to their friends, "This is a FRIENDLY CHURCH, I want to go back."

I BELIEVE IN CHILDREN

I believe in children because God surely does. He creates them beautiful and lovable. I believe in children because they are teachable. They delight in following noble examples of right living. I believe in children because they inspire a youthful outlook and spirit. They keep the world young, I believe in children because I believe in the future and in the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

- Charles J. Lotz

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Barbara Seeley
reports on the

Youth Conference on the Alcohol Problem

During my Christmas holidays I attended the four-day seventh annual Provincial Youth Conference of an organization called "Toc Alpha" in Toronto. The purpose of this conference, which is sponsored by the Ontario Temperance Federation, is the following:

1. To convey factual scientific information on a problem of vital interest and concern to youth: the consumption of alcoholic beverages;
2. To offer a better understanding of the alcohol problem through personal observation of its social implications;
3. To provide a fellowship through recreation and social activities;
4. To encourage the development of a youth movement called "Toc Alpha" to help adolescents find satisfying substitutes for drinking, through a programme of recreation and education.

One of the highlights of the conference was a field trip to Harbour Light Alcoholic Clinic of the Salvation Army. This clinic is under the supervision of Brigadier Joshua Monk. The excursion gave each of us a chance to meet and talk with men who were reformed alcoholics, and who understand better than anyone else the greatness of the problem of alcoholism. This was a very enlightening experience.

I would like to thank the church congregation and the young people for their financial assistance, which made this trip possible for me.

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Mountsburg Senior BHF: Next Meeting Feb. 9
Valentine's Skating Party: Feb. 15, at 8.

Westover Annual Meeting

On Jan. 27, twelve people gathered for this important occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McDonough, to which we

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg:

- Feb. 14 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
at Freelton United Church.
Speaker: Mrs. Penhall of
Carlisle. All welcome. 2:30 pm.
Feb. 28 FAMILY NIGHT for all at 8 pm.
Mar. 4 LADIES' AID: Quilting in the
church; all day.

. . . At Westover:

- Feb. 12 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 pm.
Hostess: Mrs. J. Yovanov.
Mar. 8 COMMUNION SERVICE: at 11:40 am.

BAPTISTS

What They Believe and What They Teach

3. Baptists believe that all mature people are able to deal with God for themselves through faith in Christ and that it is their right to do so. They believe that little children are safe in the love of God.
4. Baptists believe that we find peace with God and are saved by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and that nothing else is needed for that purpose.

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were so graciously invited. The membership now stands at 38. It was noted that church attendance had decreased, and that expenditures exceeded offerings by app. \$425; on Jan. 1, 1964, \$248. were on hand. There were no baptisms or additions to the membership in 1963 (neither in 1962).

Some offices have changed hands:

Deacons: E. Ellis, C. Lyons, Lloyd George, F. Holden; Treasurer: I. McDonough; S.S. Superintendent: F. Holden; S.S. Treas.: Wayne Ego.

Join us in faith and hope for a successful year in 1964. Pray and support the work of God.

Bible-Text-for-the-Month:

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." (Rom. 2:4)

Mountsburg

In 1874, Mr. William Grant became pastor, and since he was a student he served the church fortnightly for the princely sum of \$15 a month. He was ordained here in 1875 by a council representing the churches of Guelph, Hillsburgh, Erin, Dundas, Hamilton, Waterdown and Beverly. At this time the "Psalmist" as a source of music was replaced by the regular Hymn Book.

In the fall of this same year upon Mr. Grant's resignation, Rev. Daniel Wright became pastor. He was known far and wide as "Daddy Wright", and his photograph was to be found in many a home. Although his stay was only a brief ten months, he reaped a harvest of 19, 16 of whom were baptized in one day.

It is of interest that among these converts are to be found Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurren, the grandparents of our Deacon William Revell; Mrs. William Wingrove, grandmother of Deacon William Wingrove and Mrs. Evelyn Page; Mr. and Mrs. John Cartwright; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mount; all well-known and loyal members of this church for many years. The above mentioned Mrs. Wingrove was a member of this church for fifty-five years.

"Daddy Wright" was a hardy soul who did not hesitate to pioneer in outlying districts, and thought nothing of walking as much as thirty miles on a Sunday to preach where needed.

Another feature of his ministry was the increase of public church collections from two (taken annually) to four. Other offerings were taken at the Communion Table, only.

In 1877, a union with Waterdown Church was effected, under the ministry of student-pastor G. Everton.

The church, now twenty-seven years old, was in need of renovation; so in 1879, during the pastorate of Mr. H. A. McConnell, who was ordained here, the church was painted and generally repaired, and a special re-opening was held.

Westover

In 1880, led by Elder John Cameron, the church purchased a parsonage, situated on the corner of the Sixth Concession and the Westover sideroad, diagonally across from the store. In 1882, an organ was installed at a cost of \$110; also a Communion Service was provided.

The Baptist people of Westover were early mission-minded. When in 1873 the Rev. A. V. Timpanys became the first Canadian Baptist missionaries to India the hearts of the Baptist women were stirred with the needs of our sisters in India. Consequently, in 1882, a Mission Circle was organized under the initiative of Mrs. Barnabas Shaver, who, for lack of telephones, used her own two feet to contact the women of the community and invite them to join. The women of Westover Church had for some years been collecting for the missionary work in Western Canada.

Also a Mission Band -- one of the earliest in our Convention -- was formed, and these two missionary organizations carried on zealously in winter's cold and summer's heat. In fact, today, eighty-two years later, the Mission Circle still carries on faithfully.

Rev. James McColl was pastor at that time, and now the membership reached a peak of 138.

The following four years saw two student-pastors come and be ordained; namely, Rev. George Chittenden and Rev. A. R. Spencer. Then in 1889, the long sought union with Mountsburg took place, including the young church at Freelon, which had been organized in 1886. The minister under whom this union was consummated was Rev. James Bracken, who was ordained in Freelon.

In 1890, the church was renovated, inside and out, the driving sheds moved and rebuilt, and special re-opening services were held; Rev. Alexander Gay was the pastor. The grandson of Mr. Gay -- Rev. John Barley -- became Convention Evangelist some few years ago, until his untimely death.

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A PRAYER FOR THE DISCONTENTED

Whenever I begin worrying about my lot in life I remember a prayer I learned from a shine boy a number of years ago.

I was walking and lamenting over the problems of a minister when this little fellow fell in step with me and bounced me with:

"A fellah with a tie on ought'n to never let his shoes git that dusty."

I didn't have time for a shine, but when he insisted to the point of declaring that, if I would stop, he would give me a shine for nothing, I gave in.

When he had finished giving me the best shine I ever got, I asked him why he picked shining shoes for a living.

"Didn't pick it," he said. "The Lawd picked it fuh me. The way I figuhs it, if'n the good Lawd hadn't meant fuh me to shine shoes He just ought'n to of put so many dusty shoes in this ole world. And besides," he concluded as he flashed me a smile, "when shoes git dusty the Lawd jest gives me a cravin' in my heart to see 'em shine again."

He looked at the quarter I placed in his sweaty palm and, with a smile that just about hid his face he said, "Thank you, Mistah. I figuhed that if'n I shined 'em good enough you-all would treat me right about it."

His psychology had worked but I didn't feel a bit cheated. As I walked along I said: "Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to serve others, and please, Lord, just give me a 'cravin' in my heart' to do the work you have picked for me to do." And as I thought of the quarter the shine boy's persistence and devotion to a task had earned him, I added to my prayer, "And please, Lord, help me never to forget that if I do the job as You want me to You will 'treat me right about it.'"

And that's the prayer I pray when I get to worrying about my lot in life.

- H. Bradford Ramsey

WANTED; A CRUSADE

It is generally recognized that Christianity is the hope of the world.

When Keir Hardie was leader of the Labor Party in the English Parliament he said: "My friends and comrades, I often feel sick at heart with politics and all that pertain thereto. If I were a thirty years younger man, with the experience I have gained during the past thirty-five years, I would, methinks, abandon house and home, and wife and child, if need be, to go forth among the people to proclaim afresh and anew the full message of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth. The need for the hour is for a new crusade....With Christianity as a ruling force, there would be neither armies nor navies, neither poverty nor riches, neither slums nor palaces; there would be no competitive system of production for profit, whereby the rich are able to grind the poor; there should be liberty, equality, fraternity, with love for the binding law."

IT'S YOU

If you want to life in the kind of a church

Life the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike;
You'll only find what you've left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock
your church

It isn't the church, it's you.

Real churches are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a church from the dead.
And if, while you make your personal
stake,

Your neighbours can make one, too,
Your church will be what you want to see.
It isn't the church, it's you.

- Adapted

A SCOTSMAN'S DEFINITION OF GRACE:

"Grace is something for nothing when we don't deserve anything."

BOIL IT DOWN

If you've got a thought that's happy -
Boil it down.
Make it short and crisp and snappy -
Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted;
If you want your effort printed -
Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter -
Boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better -
Boil it down.
Make your meaning plain, Express it
So we'll know - not merely guess it.
Then my friend, ere you address it -
Boil it down.

Cut out all the extra trimmings -
Boil it down.
Skim it well - then skim the skimmings -
Boil it down.
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence into,
Send it on, and we'll begin to
BOIL IT DOWN!

-Author unknown

THE DAY'S WORK

Do the day's work. If it be to protect the rights of the weak, whoever objects, do it. If it be to help a powerful corporation better to serve the people, whatever the opposition, do that. Expect to be called a standpatter, but don't be a standpatter. Expect to be called a demagogue, but don't be a demagogue. Don't hesitate to be as revolutionary as science. Don't hesitate to be as reactionary as the multiplication table. Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.

- Calvin Collidge

EVEN THE HAT

For the benefit of stay-at-home members of his church, Rev. Allen W. Clark of Davers, Mass., sends by mail a complete service starting with the opening prayer and containing the Bible reading, a 400-word sermon and the closing prayer, not forgetting to pass the plate.

A STEWARD'S PRAYER

Father of all mankind,
throughout this day help me to remember that a very real portion of Thy Kingdom has been placed in my keeping. Therefore teach me to love Thee;
With all my heart -
that I may love those whom Thou lovest, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult Thine own everlasting mercy and compassion:
With all my soul -
that I may seek fresh ways in which Thy divine power may surge through my commonplace routine from morning till night:
With all my strength -
that my hands may work the works of Him who sent me, that my energy may be poured out for the needs of Thy family, until all I own or earn or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness:
With all my mind -
that I may think Thy thoughts after Thee from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing Thee first, that Thy Kingdom may come through my sharing, my caring, my daring - for Thy name's sake. Amen.

-Selected

POINTED PARAGRAPHS ON TIMELY TOPICS

One can do a great deal of good in this world if one does not care who gets credit for it.

If a man speaks continually at the top of his voice, he is helpless when he really wishes to emphasize something.

Many a man has lost his faith in the grave of an unconfessed sin.

If we worry we do not trust; if we trust we do not worry.

"We are influenced by everyone we meet and by everything that we see and hear, as well as read. A Good book has often changed the course of a person's life. Think to what vast extent has been the influence of the Bible."

-George Matthew Adams

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Dear Friends:

We would like to welcome all new friends in our churches in this formal manner, and new readers of our little NEWSLETTER. We want you to feel at home with us, in worship, in fellowship, and in the work for Christ's kingdom.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl McDonough dedicated their little Cheryl Anne in public worship to the Lord, on Feb. 16. Congratulations! We offer our prayers and real help in setting a good Christian example. It was good to see so many friends of the church return for this special service.

Mountsburg Annual Meeting

Twenty-one persons attended the Annual Meeting on Feb. 3. All departments of the church reported a good year, and showed the strong support they were receiving. The minister gave a report of his endeavours, stating he had made 407 visits to homes and hospitals (for both churches) during 1963. He thanked everyone for their loyal support. While six members were released, five new members were received, four by baptism. (Present membership: 32). While most church officers remained unchanged, two young men, Mr. Mervyn Page and Mr. James Bell, were appointed Assistant S.S. Superintendents. The ladies of the church served a fine buffet supper after the meeting. (Cont'd next column).

Advance Dates

Apr. 12 Mission Sunday. The ladies will conduct the worship services.

May 10 Christian Family Sunday

Jun. 11-17 Church Convention and Y.P.'s.

Convention at McMaster University

Jun. ? Mountsburg Church Picnic

Jun. 27 Westover Church Picnic

Jul. ? Mountsburg Vacation Bible School

Aug. 10-14 Westover Vacation Bible School

Aug. 17-Sep. 6 Pastor on vacation

Sep. 6 "Church Holiday" - No services.

Sep. 20 Westover 119th Anniversary

Sep. 27 Mountsburg 120th Anniversary

The Active Church

. . . . At Mountsburg:

Mar. 2 & 16 JUNIOR B.H.F. at 7:30 p.m.

4 LADIES' AID: Quilting in the church. Work and lunch together.

Mar. 8 & 22 SENIOR B.H.F. at 8 p.m.

Mar. 27 GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE at Strabane United Church, at 11 a.m.

Apr. 1 LADIES' AID: at 2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Lloyd Wingrove.

Apr. 10 Your FAMILY NIGHT, at 8 p.m.

. . . . At Westover

Mar. 11 WOMENS MISSION CIRCLE: at 2 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Ivan McDonough.

Mar. 27 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: see above.

Every Sun. 7:15 pm: YOUNG PEOPLE'S (12 up)

Every Mon. 7-8:15 pm: BROWNIES (8-11 yrs.)

BAPTISTS

What They Believe and What They Teach

5. Baptists hold that all who believe in Christ are in His Church and that local churches are groups of believers, baptized by their own choice, and united to worship God and to do the work of Christ.

6. Baptists believe that our souls are in the hands of God alone and that no man has power over them.

7. Baptists believe that all men must be free to hold any religion they think is right and must be free to teach their religion to others.

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(Cont'd). Mr. Wm. Wingrove voiced the thanks of the whole congregation for the fine leadership Mr. Rath had given, and was confident continued support and steady progress would be the theme for the present year. He stressed that we would mark our 120th anniversary this year and felt we should make it a landmark in the history of our church.

-Chas. E. Bryant, Clerk.

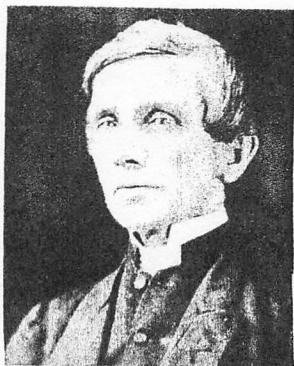
Bible-Text-of-the-Month: (Isaiah 53:5)

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities."

Mountsburg

From 1880 to 1884, with the exception of supply by Rev. J. Mackie for a few months, the pastorate was under the ministry of Rev. W. P. Hazelton, who baptized several among whom was Janet Revell (Mrs. Scott), the mother of three of our present members.

About this time cooperation with Waterdown ceased, and work began in Freelton, as an offspring of this church. Mr. Robert Hopkins of Hamilton had preached in Freelton for some time and was instrumental, both in his influence and financially, in having a church building erected. This building was opened in May 1886, with student pastor A. R. Gregory serving both churches.



Rev. Daniel Wright
Mountsburg
1875-76

During Rev. James Bracken's ministry Freelton was host to the Association under the auspices and aid of the mother church, Mountsburg, in June '87. Two years later Mr. Bracken was ordained, likewise in Freelton Church. In this period thirty members were added to Mountsburg Church, including Mr. & Mrs. Job Revell, Mr. & Mrs. Chas Revell, Archibald Campbell (father of Mrs. B. Gunby), and several members of the Law family, who later united with Flamboro Centre Church (Waterdown). It is worthy of note that Mrs. Chas. Revell was seventy-four years a member

Westover

When Mr. Gay left Mountsburg in April of 1892, he remained with Westover a few more months, until the coming of Rev. Wm. Peer in 1893, who was followed after two years by Rev. Wm. Spencer. It was while Mr. Spencer was here that this church celebrated its Golden Jubilee, with Prof. P. C. Campbell of McMaster University as guest speaker for Sunday. At the noon dinner, held on Monday, several former pastors and Mr. Cook, the builder of the church, were guests of honour.

Mr. Spencer was succeeded by Mr. H. C. Gurney, Rev. T. A. P. Frost and Mr. R. G. Blundell, who was ordained here in 1902 and served the three churches until 1905.

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Mountsburg (cont'd)

of this church.

While Rev. Alexander Gay was pastor thirteen members withdrew from this church to form the nucleus of the Freelton Church, which now, in 1891, formally organized itself as an adult, independent body.

One of the supply pastors for 1892, Mr. Chas. N. Mitchell, later became a missionary to Bolivia. He was followed by Rev. Wm. Peer, who paid more attention to the children of the congregation than most of the ministers, providing them with treats, such as oranges (which were rare in those days) and pictures of interest.

Rev. Wm. Spencer, who followed Mr. Peer, held revival meetings. In 1899 plans were made to ordain Mr. H. G. Gurney, but his untimely death prevented its fulfilment. During the pastorate of Rev. T. A. P. Frost (1900-2) a hole was cut into ice of 4 or 5 ins. in thickness to baptize a candidate. In June of 1902 Rev. R. G. Blundell was ordained. During his stay Misses Ethel and Ella Maddaugh were baptized, one of whom is still living in Toronto.

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A CHURCH

I enter the sanctuary burdened by fear, overshadowed by forebodings concerning the uncertain future, perplexed by problems too great for me to solve.

In the service of worship I hear God speak.

His message is in the hymns, the music, the prayer, the reading of the Bible, and in the sermon.

God speaks to my listening ears.

And when the benediction has been spoken, I leave the sanctuary blessed beyond all that which the world can bless.

I have heard God's voice!

He has spoken to me!

I am thankful for the church where I am privileged to meet God in a service of worship.

It reminds me every day that I am a part of a fellowship which is eternal.

My life is enriched beyond any wealth which the world can bestow upon me.

The Church IS of God.

- Selected

IF YOU ARE MY FRIEND

If you are my friend, you cannot be indifferent to my faults of character, any more than you can be indifferent to my sickness or suffering. But if you wish to help me cure these faults, let them alone! Make much of my good qualities, if you can find any; and especially bless me with the encouraging sight of a better man than myself, and cheer me with a high example. I know that there are times when a sharp or gentle rebuke is in order, and that "faithful are the wounds of a friend." But the wiser doctors have lost faith in blood-letting; and they know that clumsy surgery kills more than it cures.

- Charles G. Ames

COURAGE

"What is courage?" a little girl asked her mother. "Is it what Mimi (the cat) has when she sees a dog and she lays her ears back and spits at him even though he is ten times bigger than she is?"

The mother considered a minute. "It's partly that," she said, "but it's much more than that." They walked on a little way, and came to a place where the woods had been burned and the forest floor was black and barren. There in the midst of the charred wood and burnt grass was a yellow buttercup thrusting itself up through the blackness. The mother pointed to the flower. "That's more like it," she said. "That's courage."

- Selected

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

In our anxious care for the morrow, we fail to enjoy the blessings of today; we spend our lives anticipating, but not realizing; for as soon as we have reached a desired point we see beyond us something to reach after which we believe to be necessary to our happiness. If we have not the spirit of contentment today, we are never likely to have it. If we pass by unused the resources of today, we are likely to do the same thing tomorrow.

- Louis Heywood

Every church should support two pastors - one for the thousand at home, the other for the million abroad.

-Jacob Chamberlain.

It is a pleasant thought that when you help a fellow up a steep hill, you get nearer the top yourself.

If a man kant laff there is sum mistake made in putting him together, and if he won't laff he wants as much keeping away from az a bear-trap when it is sot.

It does a heap of good sometimes
To go a little slow,
To say a word o'comfort to th'
Man that's stubbed his toe.

- Foley

THINGS WE CAN'T AFFORD

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.
We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend;
We can't afford the laugh that finds
In bitter tears an end.
We can't afford the feast today
That brings tomorrow's fast.
We can't afford the farce that comes
To tragedy at last.
We can't afford to play with fire
Or tempt a serpent's bite.
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.
We can't afford with serious heed
To treat the cynic's sneer;
We can't afford when wise men speak
To turn a careless ear;
We can't afford for hate to give
Like hatred in return;
We can't afford to feed such flame
And make it fiercer burn.
We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.
But blind to good are we apart
From Thee, all-seeing Lord;
O grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford.

- Selected.

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Not serried ranks of flags unfurled,
Not armoured ships that gird the world,
Not hoarded wealth, nor busy mills,
Nor cattle on a thousand hills,
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws,
Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause -
All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great.

The land is great which knows the Lord,
Where songs are guided by His word,
Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
Where love controls in acts and plan,
Where breathing in this native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise
and prayer -

Thus may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight - man's best estate.

- Alexander Blackburn

TOUCH THE LEVER

A traveller one day stood by a big lock, watching a large river barge waiting to enter. Beyond lay the river, with its abundant supply of water, also waiting - waiting for the lock to be opened so that it could pour its waters.

The lock-keeper touched the lever, and in a moment the gate opened and the water poured into the lock. In a few minutes it was full, and the barge floated in.

Many lives, like the empty lock, are waiting to be filled, and just as that river was waiting to pour in its waters, so God is waiting to pour His Holy Spirit into their hearts. But first they must touch the lever of consecration.

- Selected

GREET THE NEW DAY!

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

YOU AND YOUR PROBLEM

Many people mistakenly think that it is a mark of weakness to solicit help - human or divine - in bearing their burdens or solving their problems. But always, we would encourage people to take some initiative in approaching those who can offer assistance.

So do not hesitate to use the community agencies and to call upon the minister for pastoral service. Afterward you will say as so many do, "I only wish I had done it long ago; I feel so much better just talking with you about my problem."

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To a brave man, good and bad luck are like his right and left hands -- he uses both.

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Dear Friends:

Early in April we have some fine events waiting for us; it would be a shame, if we missed them: the Mountsburg Family Night on Apr. 10 at 8, and the Mission Sunday in both churches on Apr. 12. Our capable women will lead us in worship. They have arranged for special speakers and special music. We hope you can come and join us.

The ladies of the Westover Mission Circle will remember Mrs. W.K. Harris speaking to them last October. We are sorry to announce that her husband died on March 15.

Westover Church recently acquired new (aluminum) front doors. This improvement was made possible through a bequest of the late Mrs. Ella (McFarlane) Nicholson, who died on June 23, 1962, and was buried in our cemetery. The church building was also insulated a few weeks ago, and is now more comfortable than ever.

A drop in the bucket
Is only a drop ---
A minor and moist detail;
For a drop can't change
The color and taste
In a ten-quart watering pail.

But if the drop
Has the color of love
And the taste of tears divine,
One drop dropped into
The vessel of life
Can turn the water to wine.

- Selected

Our Women

invite you to a special

MISSION SERVICE

Special Music With Special Speaker

Mountsburg At Westover

Miss Matilda Findlay Mrs. Hopkins

Missionary to Bolivia of Millgrove.

10:15 a.m. Time: 11:30 a.m.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg

Apr. 1 LADIES' AID: at 2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Lloyd Wingrove.

Apr. 5 HOLY COMMUNION at 10:15 a.m.

Apr. 5 & 19 SENIOR B.F.H. at 8 p.m.

Apr. 6 & 20 JUNIOR B.H.F. at 7:30 p.m.

April 10 FAMILY NIGHT

Last Social Event of the Season

Special Program

Don't miss it --- 8 o'clock

May 6 LADIES' AID: at 2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Doug. Wingrove.

June 6 CHURCH PICNIC (Reserve date now)

. . . At Westover

Apr. 5 COMMUNION SERVICE at 11:40 a.m.

Apr. 12 YOUNG PEOPLE'S OPEN HOUSE

at 7:30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Films will be shown.

BAPTISTS

What They Believe and What They Teach

8. Baptists believe that our Lord taught His Church to observe two sacraments or ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They believe that only believers should be baptized and that they should be 'buried' in water and raised up as our Lord was buried in the tomb and raised from the dead for our salvation.

9. Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper, also, is only for believers in Christ and that it also speaks of His death and His living presence with them. Baptists believe that both ordinances have no power to save, but are helpful to the spiritual life and growth of people who have been saved already by faith in Christ.

Bible-Text-of-the-Month: (I Cor. 6:14)

"God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

We have now covered the first sixty years in the life of our churches, and we shall pause for a retrospective view, and a few items which we hope will be of interest, before moving into the second three score years, and into a new era of our church life.

The sturdy pioneers, who began existence, both as residents of the community and as spiritual founders of this area, of necessity were hardy in facing the physical obstacles of the primeval land, and equally courageous in their efforts to build a strong religious atmosphere, in which to nurture the spiritual life of their children.

They were human and like us all made mistakes. At times they may seem to us to have been rather severe in their judgments, but we can be proud of their stalwart principles, when we consider how their faith and teaching have produced many faithful followers, who today help to make up our churches' leaders.

Of the family of Thomas Wingrove, in whose home we had our beginning, we had for many years the Mount family. Their loyalty to Christ was unquestioned, one of whom -- Charles -- was clerk for twenty-seven yrs.



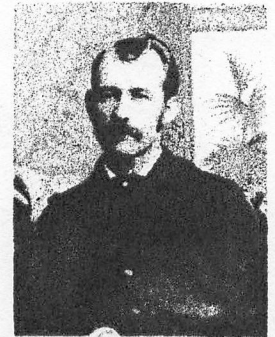
Charles N. Mitchell
Mountsburg & Freelon
1892-1893

Thomas' brother, James, and his family all down the years figured large in the church life, and many of his descendants still serve faithfully. Two great-grandsons are our present deacons, Wm. Wingrove and W. Revell. Again, we find the Revell family, a large family who became members and whose descendants are with us today, not only in the Wm. Revell home, but in Mrs. F. Mast, Mrs. Clarence Wingrove, Mrs. H. Wigood, and several others whose family traces back to the Revell home.

In Westover, we find the name of Shaver, a large family tree, whose

forbears gave their lives unstintingly to Christ and His Church, and whose branches still bear fruit for Him. Others, whose service was rich, were the Robertson, Embury, Jamieson, Westover and Nicol families, and others of whom we have not the records.

Many from both churches served their Maker for over fifty years, several for over fifty-eight years, and even more. To them all, the Master



Rev. James Bracken
Mountsburg/Freelon
1887-1889
Westover -- 1889



Rev. Alexander Gay
Mountsburg/Freelon
1890-1892
Westover 1890-1893

will surely say, "Well done, good and faithful servants," and yet He counts not our service by years, but by the quality of our commitment and loyalty to Him as Lord and Saviour.

Have we today among us an "Aunt Jessie" Shaver, who would walk many miles in lieu of a telephone to recruit for a missionary society; or a John and Lydia Westover and a Thomas and Catherine Wingrove, whose homes could be the church regardless of conditions? Yes, I think, we have, if such need arose, but are our eyes open to the present needs? God told Moses to use "what is in thine hand." What have we in our hands? Let us use them.

(to be continued)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To All Friends of Our Church and Sunday School in Westover:

Beginning on the first Sunday in May (May 3rd), our Sunday School will be held before the regular worship service, on a two-month trial basis.

This change will be beneficial to us all in many ways:

1. We will have a regular Young People's Choir.
2. The Sunday School teachers have the opportunity to attend the worship service, immediately after the Sunday School.
3. The Sunday School scholars can attend the worship service.
4. An Adult Bible Class will meet during the Sunday School hour (as in the good old days).

Young children will be looked after during the worship service.

The new times will be as follows, starting on May 3rd:

Sunday School: 10:45 to 11:35 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:40 to 12:30 a.m.

If this venture proves to be successful and satisfying, the change will be made permanent at the end of June.

We take this step in faith that it might turn out to be a real blessing to us all and to the Westover community, which our little church desires to serve well. We ask you to support this "Christian Adventure" wholeheartedly and to pray for its success.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

F. Holden,
S. S. Superintendent.
Geo. Rath,
Pastor.

THE CHURCH

The Church is the noblest and best organization in the world.

It furnishes the best examples of righteous living.

It produces the finest specimens of character of which the world has any knowledge.

It is one sure and steadfast promoter and supporter of reform.

It conserves the peace and happiness of the community.

It promotes honest, progressive and beneficent government.

It does the most to make and maintain the home as a place of virtue, love, righteousness, comfort and happiness.

It sympathizes with the weak, the wronged and the oppressed, and pleads for social justice more than any other institution.

It stands most universally and uncompromisingly for the right and against the wrong.

It brings to all classes and conditions of people the best and most comforting and hope-inspiring messages regarding their sorrows, their sufferings and what all must face - death.

The aim of the Church is to proclaim the gospel throughout the whole world.

Give the Church your best service. Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. Live by the Church, stand by the Church, and die by the Church.

-Selected

THE SELF-CENTERED

People who are cowards are people who think a lot of themselves and a lot about themselves. Cowards are such putterers about the little self....When one learns to forget himself he ceases to be afraid; when he learns to forget self, there is nothing to be angry for.

-Selected

A DAY WELL SPENT

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard -
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went -
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay -
If through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face -
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost -
Then count that day as worse than lost.

-Anonymous

IT CAN BE DONE

"It can be done," one worker said;
And twenty others soon were led
Along the way by which he sought
A distant goal his faith had brought
Into the light it merited.

A true enthusiasm spread
And, glowing, brightly on ahead,
The promise beckoned, "Falter not,
It can be done."

New pilgrims followed. Doubtings fled;
And wishes, winging in their stead,
Revealed the vision fully caught
When, chorusing a valiant thought,
Unnumbered voices heralded,
"It can be done!"

-Maud Mero Doolittle

An Ohio woman states that for eighteen years she has been hiding her spare dollar bills in the family Bible, and her husband has never found one of them yet.

-Highways of Happiness

If we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything.

-Tim Burr Helps

Worrying takes up just as much time as work, but work pays better dividends.

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Freelton 659-3653

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Parsonage: R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont.
Dear Friend:

The pastor would like to say a very special thank-you to the ladies of both churches, who led us in worship so reverently and thoughtfully on April 12. The special speakers, Miss Findlay and Mrs. Hopkins, brought us divine messages that could smite us to the heart.

On April 19, David Owen Bird (born on October 7, 1963) was dedicated to God at Westover Baptist Church by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Bird. Both grandparents were present. We pray for God's richest blessings upon this family.

To all who are sick or away from "home" we send special greetings with this NEWSLETTER. You are not forgotten, and we would be happy to hear from you some time.

Tribute to First Church, Welland

For a year and a half, Rev. C. A. Armstrong provided us the assistance of his church with the printing of our NEWSLETTER. It was true labour of Christian love; often Mr. Armstrong himself made up the stencils and looked after the mailing of the copies to us.

Now as we begin to undertake this task on our own, we should like to extend to Mr. Armstrong and to First Church our deepest gratitude.

Work and Workers

Will we be able to put out the NEWSLETTER by ourselves? To do this, we need the services of people who will type stencils, operate the mimeographing machine, and do the stapling and addressing. Are there any young people who would offer two hours a month?

Volunteers would be appreciated. Please let Mr. Rath know soon.

Vacation Church School

Before we realize it the time is come for our annual V.C.S.; for Mountsburg during July; for Westover early in Aug.

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg

- May 17 SENIOR B.H.F. at 8 p.m.
May 18 JUNIOR B.H.F. at 7:30 p.m.
June 2 LADIES' AID at 8:30 p.m. (Tuesday)
Hostess: Mrs. G. Rath.
June 6 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
Place: Soper Park, Galt.
All those needing rides and those able to provide transportation meet at the Church or at Cummings' at 11:30 a.m. Dinner at 1 p.m.
July ? VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (1 week)

. . . At Westover

- May 13 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 p.m.
Hostess: Mrs. Logie Robertson.
Sunday JUNIOR and SENIOR B.H.F. and
Nights CHOIR PRACTICE, at 7:30 p.m.
N.B. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Remember the
changed time: 10:45 a.m. sharp.

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Leaders and helpers will be needed. If you are willing and if you have some time, we have a place for you. No leaders from our Convention are available to us this year. Please speak to Miss Haines or Mr. Holden soon.

I N M E M O R I A M

David Brian Priest

Mr. Mike Pasuta's Father

"I, even I, am he that comforteth you:
I am the Lord thy God" (Isaiah 51).

Convention in Hamilton, June 11-17

Here is your opportunity to hear outstanding Baptist men and women, every evening during the 85th Anniversary Assembly: Rev. R. C. Cook, Dr. R. J. McCracken, Mrs. W. McMurry, Dr. Samuel Miller, Rev. W. A. Lawson, a negro minister from Houston, Texas. Watch for more details on the church bulletin board and in the next NEWSLETTER.

Bible-Text-of-the-Month: (Amos 5:24)

"Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

Mountsburg Church still has a link with the first sixty years of its life (1844-1904) -- Mrs. Berge (Martha Campbell) Gunby. She was baptized into the fellowship of our church almost 69 years ago, on Dec. 25, 1895, by Rev. W. Peer. Mrs. Gunby enjoys good health and keeps active with her crochet needle.

We are now entering on the second sixty years of our churches' history -- a period within the memory of some of us, and in which we of the present can claim a share. In some of this era we can read our failures to measure up to our requirements as stewards of our Master's gifts to us, and yet, again, we can rejoice and say gratefully, "Behold what God hath wrought both through us and in us."

On July 9th, Haines became pastor Mountsburg, Westover settling in Freelon centrality. Here the first members Haines were Mr. and the first baptisms Martha Mayhew and which took place in side of the hill and the first Miss Lottie Mayhew. rents and sisters of who recently pre-Church with an oil "old church."-- Church was repaired the re-opening G. Brown, who spent ary in India. At a new organ was in- also baptisms took on Deacon Head's revival meetings evangelist from message and dynamic personality drew a goodly attendance.



Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Haines

1905, Rev. E. J. of this field -- and Freelon -- because of its let us note that received by Mr. Mrs. John Mayhew; were those of Miss Miss Jennie Mount, the creek the other beyond the church; marriage was that of These were the pa-Mr. Chester Mayhew sented Mountsburg painting of the In 1907 Mountsburg and decorated, and speaker was Rev. J. a time as a mission-Westover, in 1906, stalled, and there place in the creek farm. In Freelon were held with an Scotland, whose

Due to illness Mr. Haines resigned in 1911, and for that summer the field was served by student pastor John Linton. At the end of three months, Mr. Haines, who had returned to his home in Freelon, was approached regarding a return to the pastorate, which request he refused; but he consented to supply until a permanent minister could be secured. For the ensuing six years Mr. Haines continued in this capacity, although as soon as health permitted he increased his pastoral of the Mountsburg and Westover churches.

Freelon Church was closed in 1911, as death and removal had depleted its membership, until only one deacon -- Mr. John Cartwright -- and Pastor and Mrs. Haines remained as members. Eventually Mr. Cartwright moved away and united with Westover Church, and when Mrs. Haines became the sole member the Home Mission Board sold the building, and Mrs. Haines united with Mountsburg.

During this period many were baptized and received as members at both churches; some of the names are at Mountsburg, Mrs. Lena Campbell, Mrs. Hugh Wigood, Mrs. C. Wingrove, Mrs. F. Mast, Mrs. A. Bates, Mr. Joshua Allison, and Mrs. Chas. Gunby; at Westover, Mrs. Roy Cartwright, Mrs. Walter Edworthy, Miss Eba Haines, Mrs. John Denholm, and Mrs. James Morrison.

*oversight

(to be continued)

A LAME FOOT AND A BLIND EYE

Which is worse - a lame foot or a blind eye?

A blind eye, of course. One can hobble along on a lame foot. But a blind eye is of much more consequence; it warps the whole vision.

In the world of affairs having a lame foot means that in the tough and tumble of life we have had our shins kicked and have been left with a temporary halt or limp.

That is nothing to cry about, for there are knocks in life for everyone. It will be found at life's end that we all came limping in.

But having a blind eye is different. It is really something to be concerned about. It means that the very capacity to see life has been tampered with. In the matter of "seeing life clearly and seeing it whole" there are many blind or semi-blind individuals. They can see only those tangible things like the shop bench, a ten dollar bill, the instrument panel of the car, the sign over the theatre or the beverage room. Another set of values -- a whole world, we might say -- is blacked out. If one talks to these persons about God, Salvation, the Church, spiritual responsibility, they say, "We can't see it."

And it is true; they can't see it. Making allowances for some who are purely stubborn (there are none so blind as those who will not see), there are, I say, some who just can't see these things of the Spirit.

If you happen to be one of them, I suggest that you ask yourself this question: "Do I want to see them?"

The answer to that question is important, because it happens that the way God has established things spiritual insight is given only to those who want it -- and who want it with their whole heart. If you are willing to take a little time off from following those tangible things and expose yourself to the things of the Spirit, there is every hope of your being brought to "see" in the spiritual sense.

If you own a camera you know that you cannot obtain a picture without an exposure. Nor can God flash His "view" upon the sensitive film of your soul

unless you undertake to expose that soul to Him.

A good church is an ideal place to go for this exposure. In an atmosphere of worship and in the presence of others who are seeking the same sort of thing you may expose your soul to the Spirit of God and let Him leave upon you what impression he will.

Thus the blind eye may, by the Divine Physician, be nursed into seeing; and you will be able to enter into the experience of those who joyfully sing:

"Once I was blind, but now I see
The Light of the world is Jesus."

WHAT MAKES A GREAT LIFE

Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God, to win His smile of approval and do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high place of the field, within the view of all, and do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ, to fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost of the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing and trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and stake, to find the one noble trait in people who try to molest you, to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words, to love with the love of God even the unthankful and evil; to be content to be a foundation in the midst of a wild valley of stones nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep; and to do this always, and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God--this makes a great life.

- F. B. Meyer

Beecher said that every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

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Dear Friend:

This is the first NEWSLETTER, put out by us alone -- or, I should rather say, by one person. We are anxious to get help from someone with the typing, and again from others with the mimeographing and mailing. Who would so kindly offer him- or herself?

Beginning next month, our NEWSLETTER will only be prepared every other month, to save both money and labour. We hope you will continue to enjoy it. May God use this little paper to bring blessing to your home.

Vacation Church School
Mountsburg: July 6 - 10
Westover: August 10 - 14

We urgently need leaders and helpers to hold a successful and enjoyable week of Vacation Bible School. We would like to welcome all children from 4 to 12 years of age, but this will be impossible, unless you come and help. Don't let the children down. Please phone Miss Haines (659-7070) or Mr. Holden (659-7137) this week.

How About It

What does it take to become a Christian? What is a Christian like? Would you like to be a Christian? Are you a Christian? Why baptism and church membership? These are questions we will talk over in an Enquirers' Class that your pastor would like to hold for you in July or August. Do you have questions of your own? Come and let us together look for answers. The date of the first of 4 meetings will be announced next month.

Pray for Y.P. who must write exams.

The Active Church At Mountsburg

Jun. 21 Let us all worship at the
at Mountsburg Methodist Church
11 AM Speaker: Rev. Leslie Cust
Special Music. No S. S.
Jul. 6 - 10 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
Time: 9 to 11.45 a.m.
Jul. 8 LADIES' AID PICNIC at the
School in the evening.

. . . . At Westover

Jun. 26 VARIETY NIGHT at 8 p.m.
Sponsored by the Young
People. Stunts, skits,
singing -- you name it,
we'll have it. Come one
and all, young and old.
Jun. 27 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
Place: Soper Park, Galt.
Time: 3 pm; supper at 5 pm.
If you need a ride, please
let us know, soon.

B A P T I S T S

What They Believe and Teach

10. Baptists believe that the church should be supported by the free-will offerings of Christian people and that true Christians will desire to support their church.

11. Baptists believe that ministers should lead the church in worship, preach the word of God, teach men to believe in Christ, and visit their people. They believe that ministers should be paid by their people.

Congratulations to Proud Parents on the arrival of new babies:

Pamela Marie Marling - Apr. 17
John David Pawlik - May 6

Pray for the sick...

75th Anniversary Assembly
of the
Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec

Programme

Thursday, June 11

- 2.00 General Meeting, B.W.M.S.
Drill Hall
7.30 Formal Opening of Convention
Presidential Address:
Rev. R. C. Cook - Drill Hall

Friday, June 12

- 9.30 Gen. Convention - Drill Hall
Historical Address:
Rev. Stuart Ivison
2.00 Report on Home Missions:
Dr. D. A. Burns - Drill Hall
7.30 Historical Pageant - D.H.

Saturday, June 13

- 9.00 General Meeting, B.W.M.S.
Drill Hall
Business Session of B.Y.P.U.
Program for all others:
"The Ministry of the Laity"
"Christian Stewardship"
"The Ministry of the Deacon"
2.15 B.W.M.S. Conferences:
Mission Bands and Explorers,
Can. Christian Fellowship,
"Link and Visitor" Agents,
Mission Circle Officers and
Members.
4.00 Presidents' Reception
(General, BWMS, BYPU)
6.30 Banquet and Program:
Speaker: Dr. Robert Hingson,
originator of "Brother's
Brother"

Sunday, June 14

- 9.00 Assembly Communion Service
Drill Hall
3.00 Laying of the cornerstone of
Ohsweken (Indian) Church
7.30 Service of Witness:
Hamilton Forum, Barton St.
Speaker: Dr. R. J. McCracken,
Riverside Church, New York.

Monday, June 15

- 9.30 Theological Lecture:
Dr. R. F. Aldwinckle - D.H.
Convention Business
12.00 Chapel Hour: Rev. H. Balsdon
2.15 Memorial Service
Convention Business
7.30 General Convention - Pres.
of B.W.M.S., Mrs. Peter
Bruce, presiding - D.H.
Speaker: Mrs. Wm. McMurry,
Pres. of the North American
Baptist Women's Union.

Tuesday, June 16

- 9.30 Theological Lecture:
Dr. R. F. Aldwinckle - D.H.
Convention Business:
Overseas Missions, Grande
Ligne Mission
12.00 Chapel Hour: Rev. H. Balsdon
2.45 Convention Business:
McMaster Divinity College
Report, B.W.M.S. Report.
8.00 McMaster Divinity College
Convocation (Graduation)
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Samuel
Miller, Dean of Harvard Divi-
nity School, Harvard Univ.
Drill Hall

Wednesday, June 17

- 9.30 Theological Lecture:
Dr. R. F. Aldwinckle - D.H.
Convention Business: Dept.
of Christian Education Rep.
12.00 Chapel Hour: Rev. H. Balsdon
2.15 Convention Business:
Baptist Federation of Canada,
Can. Council of Churches
7.30 Commissioning Address:
Rev. William A. Lawson,
Pastor, Wheeler Ave. Baptist
Church, Houston, Texas.

Location: McMaster University, Hamilton

A MESSAGE OF DEVOTION

A girl, asked by her friend to explain what is meant by devotional reading of the Bible, made answer as follows:

"Yesterday morning, I received a letter from one to whom I had given my heart and devoted my life. I freely confess to you that I have read that letter five times, not because I did not understand it at the first reading, nor because I expected to commend myself to the author by frequent reading of his epistle. It was not with me a question of duty, but simply one of pleasure. I read it because I am devoted to the one who wrote it.

"To read the Bible with the same motive is to read it devotionally, and to the one who reads in that spirit it is indeed a Love Letter."

- United Presbyterian

B E C A U S E

Because the Master is not here
With His own hands today
To feed the hungry multitude
Who throng life's busy way,
He gives the task to you and me,
He bids us hear their cry --
He says that if we turn from them
We also pass H I M by.

- Selected.

MISSIONS ARE CHEAPER THAN WAR

The cost of making the first two atomic bombs was \$2,000,000,000. This amount would put 5,000 missionaries in the field for a period of 100 years at \$4000 each per year.

The total cost of the war to America was about \$300,000,000,000. This amount would put 750,000 missionaries in the field for a hundred years at \$4000 each per year.

Why will man put his resources to destroying lives and property, when he could use them to do so much good? The answer is, Because he would rather please himself than please Christ.

- Adapted from
Pentecostal Evangel

You must live in such a way that you wouldn't be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip. (W. Rogers)

R E F L E C T I O N

I had a little hammer once,
With which I used to strike;
And I went knocking everywhere
At folks I didn't like.
I knocked most everybody, but found
It doesn't pay, for when
Folks saw me coming they all
Went the other way.

I've thrown away my hammer now,
As far as I could shoot.
Instead, I've taken up a booster's horn,
And you should hear it toot!
I'm glad I'm with the boosters;
I like the way they do.
And if you lay your hammer down,
I'll get a horn for you.
- Selected.

SEE MUCH THROUGH A KNOTHOLE

A baseball game was in progress inside the lot and four or five little lads had stationed themselves along the fence, watching the game through cracks and knotholes. A good-natured old gentleman, with an understanding heart, stopped beside one little chap and said, "That's a poor way to watch a baseball game, isn't it, sonny?"

The little fellow looked up for just a minute to get the measure of his questioner, and then returning his eye to the knothole, he replied, "You can see a lot through a knothole."

The great souls of the race have wrought their marvellous works on the basis of momentary glimpses of greatness..... Isaiah's vision in the Temple could not have lasted more than a few minutes, but it made the greatest of all Hebrew prophets out of the stylish young "man-about-town."

One can see much through a knothole if he is looking in the right direction.
- Roy L. Smith

OUR GARBAGE MAN

Our garbage man comes once a week --
(City law forbids the reek)
In summer, every day.
But, Oh, I ask: does God forgive
That somewhere little ones could live
On what we throw away? (Selected)

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Robert Rayner

who passed away June 22, 1964
in her 94th year.

Mrs. Rayner was a member of Westover Baptist Church and of the Women's Mission Circle. It is with true affection we cherish her memory, appreciating her kindly thought of others, and remembering the rewarding conversations which shall remain with us: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. 25:11.

To her daughter, Mrs. Parlon Shaver, and members of her family we extend our sincere sympathy.

-Mrs. E. Cartwright

We also bless the memory of Mr. R. E. Eaton, a brother of Mrs. Alice Watson, who died June 19, and Mr. R. Cochrane, who passed away June 22.

Enquirers' Class

for everyone interested in baptism, church- and associate church membership, led by your pastor. First meeting in

Mountsburg Church: July 27, 8.15

Westover Church: July 26, 8 pm.

No obligation. If day or time do not suit you, please get in touch with Mr. Rath.

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News Flashes.....Congratulations to Babs and Doug. Wingrove on the safe arrival of Stephen Douglas, June 20, a sister for Kimberly.... 24 children and 14 leaders enjoyed a week of V.B.S. at Mountsburg.... Greetings to our newlieds Barbara (Seeley) and George Chester, on July 3. They now live at 34 Nottingham, Guelph....Our good wishes to Robert Bell and Ronald Page,

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsburg

Aug. 8 MARRIAGE of Miss Nancy Priest & Mr. James Kitchen.

Sep. 2 LADIES' AID at 8.30 p.m.
Hostess: Miss Eba Haines.

. . . At Westover

Aug. 10-14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

More details will be given in S.S. For information also call Mr. Holden at 659-7137 or Mr. Rath.

Sep. 9 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE
Hostess: Mrs. O. Nicol, Woodburn, at 8 p.m.

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Shelley Brenn and Colleen McDonough, who are going to Camp Oneida Aug. 8-15 and Aug. 15-26.... Westover Budget for 1964 \$2,427....

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Summer Notices

Your pastor will be on vacation from August 17 to September 8. During his absence two fellow students from McMaster will conduct the regular Sunday services. Mr. Rudy Kaufmann will come on August 23, and Mr. Arthur Maybury on Aug. 30. Mr. Maybury is almost totally blind.

September 6 is Church Holiday -- no services. In addition, Mountsburg will hold no S.S. on Aug. 23 and Aug. 30. Come and worship when you are home.

A Glimpse

from the 75th Baptist Assembly
"Our Baptist life will never be renewed, unless our preachers and leaders affirm that the Word of God is the last authority in all matters of faith and Christian witness".
-Rev. Dr. Roy C. Cook, Pres.

A Bible Text for the Summer:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16).

Mountsburg

Our last chapter brought us to the year 1917 in the history of our two churches. It was at this point in April of 1917 that a change in the field was made. Westover decided to travel alone and Mountsburg was linked up to Flamboro Centre, (once known as Waterdown church, but after fire demolished the Waterdown building, the new church was built at Flamboro Centre) also situated on the Centre Road. It was at this time we became a Home Mission Field, as Flamboro Centre was under the H.M. Board. Mr. Haines was asked to become full time pastor of both churches, which position he filled for six more years, thus making a term of eighteen years at Mountsburg.

In November of 1917 this church celebrated its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, with Professor Kierstead of McMaster University as guest speaker. A new Bell Organ had been purchased three years before for the sum of \$108.00. During this period Mr. Albert Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wingrove, Charles and Mary C. Mount, Fred Laking and two others were baptized and five others were added to the church by letter.

In 1922 plans for a new edifice were put into action; accordingly, June 11th saw a re-union service as a closing of the old building, after which services were held in the Freelon church for the remainder of the year.

December 3rd dawned a bright, clear, beautiful fall day, and saw friends from far and near, flock to the new Mountsburg Baptist Church, which was that day dedicated to the glory and service of God. It was a proud day for our people as we gathered in our beautiful new church home, where the Gospel was preached free on that opening day, as no offering was requested, though love gifts were gratefully accepted. The seats and pulpit were donated, also the Communion table and chair, the lighting was a gift, and the cost of building-about \$7000-was all pledged or paid, so that we could say we opened free of debt.

On July 1st 1923, Mr. Haines concluded his eighteen years of service with this church, closing his farewell by baptizing two young people, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Westover

Before commencing this tenth instalment of our history, we should correct an error in the last issue.

Among those baptized by Mr. Haines was the name of Mrs. James Morrison, which should have read Mrs. John Morrison - nee May Denholm. Early in 1917 Westover decided to become a self-contained church, not affiliated with another congregation.

Accordingly, various speakers conducted the services throughout the summer, especially Mr. P.R. Morrison, a laymen from Hamilton and an application was made to Woodstock and McMaster for a student pastor. In October, Mr. Wm. McDonald from McMaster came, and resided in the parsonage, remaining as pastor until May, 1919. Again services were led by Mr. P.R. Morrison, Grover Tyler and others until May 1920, when Mr. Harold Carr became student pastor until October. No services were held during the winter, but April 1921 saw the return of Mr. Harold Carr, whose ministerial career was cut short by his tragic death. In May, Mr. Harold Lang - a gold medalist from McMaster - now Professor H. Lang of McMaster, became pastor for the summer, and again the church was closed in winter.

1922-23 saw Mr. Frears of Dundas coming out Sunday afternoons to keep the church open, and again in 1924 the church re-opened and amalgamated once more with Mountsburg and Flamboro Centre, and as a field a call was given Mr. Sidney Lawrence from McMaster University.

(to be continued)

PROFIT OR LESS
(Matt. 16:26)

What will it profit, when life here is
o'er

Though great worldly wisdom I gain,
If, seeking knowledge - I utterly fail
The wisdom of God to obtain?

What will it profit, when life here is
o'er

Though gathering riches and fame,
If, gaining the world - I lose my own
soul

And in Heav'n unknown is my name?

What will it profit, when life here is
o'er

Though earth's farthest corners I see,
If, going MY way, and doing MY will
I miss what HIS love planned for me?

What will it profit, when life here is
o'er

Though earth's fleeting love has been
mine,
If, seeking its gifts - I fail to secure
The riches of God's love divine?

What will it profit? My soul, stop and
think,

What balance that day will declare!
Life's record laid bare - will gain turn
to loss,

And leave me at last to despair?

- Grace E. Troy

A MORNING PRAYER

I will try to live this day a simple,
serene life, repelling promptly every
thought of discontent, anxiety, discour-
agement, impurity, self-seeking; culti-
vating cheerfulness, magnanimity,
charity, and the habit of holy silence;
exercising economy in expenditure,
generosity in giving, carefulness in
conversation, diligence in appointed
service, fidelity in every trust, and a
childlike faith in God. In particular
I will try to be faithful in those
habits of prayer, work, study, physical
exercise, eating and sleep which I be-
lieve the Holy Spirit has shown me to
be right. Amen.

-Selected

THE POWER TO COME BACK

The Christian movement survived the
worst thing that could happen to it,
namely the death of its Founder, and
made it the best thing that could happen
to the world, namely its redemption. A
movement that can survive the worst thing
and turn it into the best thing is not a
movement that will collapse in a world
crisis of this kind. It has virility,
vitality, power of recuperation and
come-back.

-Stanley Jones

SHARING

Let's not be storehouses, but channels,
Let's not be cisterns, but springs,
Passing our benefits onward,
Fitting our blessings with wings;
Letting the water flow onward
To spread o'er the desert forlorn;
Sharing our bread with our brothers,
Our comfort with those who mourn.

-Anonymous

RECOGNITION!

A few weeks ago a certain preacher
preached on the recognition of friends
in heaven, and during the following week
this letter came to him:

"Dear Sir: I should be very much
obliged if you would make it convenient
to preach to your audience on the recog-
nition of friends on earth, as I have
been coming to your building for nearly
six months and nobody has taken any
notice of me yet."

-Selected

If you would not be forgotten as soon as
you are dead, either write things worth
reading or do things worth writing.

-Benjamin Franklin

Going to church regularly is a wonderful
way to get your faith lifted.

-Tim Burr Helps

Happiness is the peculiar sensation you
acquire when you are too busy to be
miserable.

- Anon

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Minister: H. G. Rath, R. R. 2, Campbellville, Ont. - Freelon 659-3653

Dear Friends:

We pray you have been deeply aware of the Lord's presence during the past two months. Now summer is gone by, and we stand on the threshold of a new church season. The weeks and months that lie ahead, like every spring, are full of promise. Will we go places with God, our Father, and Christ, our Lord? Will we grow in Christlikeness and numbers, and so bring joy to God and to our church, including ourselves? Let us pray that several of our young people and faithful friends will come forward in the coming weeks

to proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord through baptism and church membership. "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation." How much do we all long for a thriving, radiant-ly happy church! Would that we all caught on fire. What have you to lose?

We send special greetings and good wishes to all who are laid up at home or in hospital, Mrs. Fred Mast, Mr. Ira (John) Gilmour.

In the next weeks watch for announcements about a new winter season of Family Fellowship Nights and about Young People's meetings. We hope you'll participate.

"To labour is to pray." (Benedict)

The Active Church

Sep. 18/19 RETREAT FOR MEN at Camp Oneida, 7 pm to 3 pm, \$4. Please contact pastor.
Oct. 4 RALLY DAY SERVICES
Oct. 7 Mountsburg LADIES' AID: Hostess: Mrs. Earl Wingrove, at 2.30 pm.
Oct. 11 THANKSGIVING COMMUNION SERVICES
Oct. 14 Westover MISSION CIRCLE: At the church, at 2 pm.
Oct. 20/21 145th ANNUAL MEETING of the Nia.-Hamilton Assn. First Baptist Church, Welland.

ANNIVERSARY

SERVICES

11 AM and 7.30 PM

119th
Westover Church
September 20
Special Speaker:
Rev. Harold Stibbards
Minister
Park Baptist Church
Brantford

120th
Mountsburg Church
September 27
Special Speaker:
Dr. N. H. Parker
Principal
McMaster Divinity
College, Hamilton

Special Music

You are cordially invited

News Flashes

Westover Vacation Bible School (Aug. 10-14) registered 55 children and 16 leaders. Offerings: \$43.46; expenses: \$70. ...A boy born to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Mitchell on Aug 16... Nancy & Jim Kitchen now reside

at R. R. 3, Puslinch...

In Memoriam

Elwood Fair	Jul. 7
Cynthia Easterbrook	Jul. 7
Carrie Patton	Jul. 13
George McFadden	Jul. 17
Alexander Young Sr.	Aug. 30
Maureen Fee	Sep. 4

Seasonal Scripture Text

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near."
Isaiah 55:6

Mountsburg

During the remainder of 1923 pulpit supplies were had, until May 1924, when student pastor Sidney Lawrence settled on the field, which now comprised Mountsburg, Flamboro Centre and Westover churches. A Parsonage was rented in Freelon and provided free to the pastor.

In the Spring of 1927, Rev. Sidney Lawrence left here for Christie St. Church, Toronto, and in July Mr. R.D. Campbell received a call to the field. The same Fall this church and Flamboro Centre became affiliated with the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec. In August of 1928, this church called a council to ordain Pastor Campbell, also services were begun in an unused church in Moffat, from which several candidates were baptized here. Upon Mr. Campbell's resignation in 1929, Rev. R.K. Gonder, a one-time Missionary to China - became pastor. During his stay two of our present members - Mr. William Wingrove and Mrs. Bert Page confessed their Lord in the waters of baptism, among several others who have since left our midst. During this period the present parsonage was purchased, and the church allied itself with the Baptist Fellowship. From August 1931 the church was served by supplies, till April 1933 when Rev. Mr. Pudney took charge for the remainder of the year.

At the annual meeting of 1934 it was decided to stand by the tenets of the church deed and return to the Regular Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, at which time, under the advice of the Home Mission Board, Mr. John Ward became pastor. A B.Y.P.U. was begun at this time, also during Mr. Ward's successor - Mr. A.S. Roblin, our present Ladies' Aid had its inception, and electric lighting was installed in our church.

Westover

With the call of Mr. Sidney Lawrence in 1924, Westover again became united with Mountsburg - and Flamboro Centre-as one field. During his stay of three years, he was ordained. Upon his resignation in 1927 a call was extended to Mr. R.D. Campbell of McMaster University. Mr. Campbell's pastorate in Westover ended in December of the same year, also the union with Mountsburg and Flamboro Centre was terminated due to the affiliation of these two churches and Pastor Campbell with the cause of Dr. T.T. Shields, while Westover decided to remain with the Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

In February of 1928 an invitation was given Mr. P.R. Morrison to become pastor for one year, which time was extended until twelve years elapsed, during which time thirty-one members were received by baptism, letter and experience. The parsonage was sold during this period, and a highlight of Mr. Morrison's pastorate was the 93rd Anniversary, Sept. 18, 1938, which took the form of a Reunion of all the old members. A dinner was served in the Community Hall to around 100 friends and in the afternoon the spirit of fellowship was climaxed as former members united with the present ones in the Higher Fellowship around the Lord's Table. This re-union was so thoroughly enjoyed that, in 1939, it was repeated, and the distinguishing feature of this second "old home" service was seen in the evening, when the newly installed electric lights (a gift from former Deacon Jacob Woodley's Estate) were used for the first time. In April 1940 Mr. Morrison resigned and once again Westover and Mountsburg became one field under the leadership of student Pastor B.F. Rice who served acceptably until his graduation from McMaster in 1942.

In May 1940 a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rice was held at which Dr. Priddle was master of ceremonies. An unusual feature was the presentation of a rose to each of the older members, in addition to that of the guests of honor.

Vestigia

I took a day to search for God,
And found Him not. But as I trod
By rocky ledge, through woods
untamed,
Just where one scarlet lily flamed,
I saw His footprint in the sod.

Then suddenly, all unaware,
Far off in the deep shadows, where
A solitary hermit thrush
Sang through the holy twilight hush
--I heard His voice upon the air.

And even as I marvelled how
God gives us Heaven here and now,
In a stir of wind that hardly shook
The poplar leaves beside the brook
--His hand was light upon my brow.

At last with evening as I turned
Homeward, and thought what I had
 learned
And all that there was still to
 probe --
I caught the glory of His robe
Where the last fires of sunset
 burned.

Back to the world with quickening
start

I looked and longed for any part
In making saving Beauty be . . .
And from that kindling ecstasy
I knew God dwelt within my heart.
- Bliss Carman

1604
A Counterblaste to Tobacco
By His Most Gracious Majesty
King James I

"Smoking is a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fume thereof nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

(King James I authorized the translation and use of the King James Version of the Holy Bible in 1611.)

Little Things

It takes a kindly action,
And it takes a word of cheer,
To fill a life with sunshine,
And to drive away a tear;
Great things are not the biggest
things,
That make the biggest show:
It's the little things that we
may do,
That make this world go.
- L.V.C.

Hands and Mouths

"I hold that if the Almighty had ever made a set of men that should do all the eating and none of the work, He would have made them with mouths only and no hands: and if He had ever made another class that He intended should do all the work and no eating, He would have made them with hands only and no mouths."

- Abraham Lincoln

Welcome to Our Church

"If efter kirk ye bide a-wee,
there's some would like tae speak
tae ye;
If efter kirk ye rise an' flee,
we'll a' seem cauld and still
tae ye;
The ane that's in the seat wi' ye
is stranger here than you, maybe!"
- A Scotsman

Voice of Experience

"A room of quiet . . .
 A temple of peace,
 The home of faith . . .
 Where doubtings cease;
 A house of comfort . . .
 Where hope is given;
 A source of strength . . .
 To make earth heaven;
 A shrine of worship . . .
 A place to pray --
 I found all this . . .
 In my church today."

Mountsburg Sunday School

Regular Sunday School and Mission Bands will begin again in October. Promotions, pins and seals will be awarded on Rally Day, Oct. 4, at 10.15. The 12 to 14 year olds will form a new class under Mr. Roswell McPherson. A Nursery Department is also being organized. Interested mothers are to get in touch with Mrs. R. McPherson as soon as possible (659-7060). Next summer the S.S. will be closed from July thru September to give all a well-deserved vacation. Very regular attendance will, therefore, be required for pins, and a special prize will be in store for all with perfect attendance.

Recent Changes in Membership:

Transfer: (Westover)

Mrs. Ralph B. Marling to Ryerson United Church, Ancaster.

Additions: (Mountsburg)

Mr. & Mrs. Roswell McPherson from Salem United Church, Wellandport, Ont.

B A P T I S T S What They Believe and Teach (Concluded)

12. Baptists believe that the Church and the State should be separate, because they are two different things. It would not be right to baptize the whole state; nor would it be right for the church to rule people who are not in it.

13. Baptists believe that all Christians should be friends, even if they do not agree about everything, and they believe that all Baptist churches should work together in the service of Christ.

More News Flashes... Mrs. Douglas (Babs) Wingrove was again chosen Wentworth County Dairy Princess.... Ralph Christiansen now mails your Westover NEWSLETTER (Thanks!).... The Doug. Wingroves won honours at the C.N.E.... The parsonage acquired a new roof and sundry repairs.... On Sep. 13 Westover Church dedicated to the service of God a new rug donated by the Women's Mission Circle... Help report news items...

Return Address:

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Dear Friends:

In a few short weeks it will be Christmas again, the time when it is most difficult to be alone. Let us all remember those who are sick and house-bound, especially when we celebrate the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. A gift will brighten the life of a lonely friend.

The weeks before Christmas is a good time for making new friends. Whether you have just recently come to our community or been a resident for many years, I am sure you would appreciate finding another real friend. We -- the local church -- would like you for a friend, who will share him- or herself with us, in worship, fun, and Christian work, and through all the joys and sorrows that life holds for every one of us. Is there anything we can do for you?

We had fine Anniversary Services at Westover (119th) and Mountsberg (120th). In Mountsberg we commemorated the year of baptism of the following senior members with a hand-written scroll: Mrs. M. Gunby (1895), J. Allison (1909), Mrs. A. Bates (1914), Mrs. L. Campbell (1914), Miss Eba Haines (1914), Mrs. F. Mast (1914), Mrs. H. Wigood (1914), Mrs. N. Wingrove (1914), and Mrs. E. Campbell (1919).

The Mountsberg ladies have moved into the parsonage last week (Oct. 27) to redecorate 3 bedrooms. It's a wonderful feeling watching the wallpaper, paint, linoleum, and curtains become transformed.

Congratulations

to families with new babies:

Michele Lynn Dredge Sep. 28
Joel Adam Mills Oct. 2

The Active Church . . .

. . . At Mountsberg

- Nov. 4 LADIES' AID: at 2.30 p.m.
Hostess: Mrs. R. McPherson.
Mr. Patterson, Social Worker at the Hamilton YMCA will speak. Do come.
- Nov. 6 FAMILY NIGHT: at 8 p.m.
First of the season. Colour films, games for all ages, food. Come and join the fun.
- Nov. 10 BIBLE SOCIETY NIGHT: 8 p.m.
We are hosts to the Freelon and Strabane United and Baptist Churches. Rev. W.H. Moore presents film; special music, lunch. Support this important work with a gift and your presence.
- Dec. 2 LADIES' AID: at 2.30 p.m.
Hostess: Mrs. L. Coverdale.
- Dec. 11 Annual CHURCH SUPPER and CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 6.30 pm. sharp. Santa is expected.
- Dec. 20 CHRISTMAS SERVICE: at 8 p.m.
For all our church family at Mountsberg and Westover.

- . . . At Westover
- Nov. 11 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE 2 pm.
Hostess: Mrs. Percy Hamilton
- Dec. 9 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE 2pm.
Hostess: Mrs. M. McDonough.
- Dec. 13 Annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT:
S.S. programme, pins and certificates; carol singing and Santa's visit: at 7.30.
- Dec. 20 Joint CHRISTMAS SERVICE at Mountsberg Church, 8 p.m.
Can we experience a "Holy night, silent night"?

Seasonal Scripture Text

"I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved." (1. Cor. 10:33)

MountsbergandWestover

In 1938, Mr. Elmore Williamson became pastor at Mountsberg. Five members were added during his ministry, which terminated in May of 1940. Mr. B. Francis Rice came to us in June 1940, at which time we reunited with Westover as a field, and the spirit of unanimity increased under Mr. Rice's leadership.

In May 1942 Everett G. Ward came to the field, and his stay was highlighted in both churches by three special events. In August of the same year, Westover was host church to the wedding of Mr. Ward. In January 1948, Mr. Charles Mount relinquished his office of church clerk after 29 years of faithful service. A gold-initialled leather wallet was presented to Mr. Mount in recognition of his long term as clerk.

On June 25, 1944, Mountsberg celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary in a newly decorated building -- inside and out. In the morning the congregation of former members and friends, from near and far, was so great, that seats were placed on the lawn where the services were heard by loud-speaker. The Rev. (Dr.) H. S. Stewart was guest speaker in the morning, and Rev. P. P. W. Ziemann of James Street Baptist Church, evening congregation. The ladies of the church served about 300 for the noon meal, where a delightful time of fellowship and reunion took place. The weather was lovely. A huge birthday cake was cut by the honorary deacon Mr. Charles Revell, who, with Mrs. Revell, was the oldest member baptized fifty-six years before. The organist for the day was Mr. Osborne Wingrove, a former resident of the community; special vocal music was offered by the King Street Baptist Quartette of Hamilton and Miss Ruby Cole of Toronto. The following evening, Dr. Ben Gullison, medical missionary in India, gave us inspiration and education by his address and beautiful slides of his work.



Everett G. Ward
1942 - 1946

One year later, on September 2, 1945, Westover held a similar event when they also celebrated one hundred years as a church. Chancellor G. P. Gilmour, of McMaster University, was the guest speaker, and Mr. P. R. Morrison, a former pastor (1928-1940), shared in the service. As at Mountsberg, a luncheon was served at noon in the Westover Hall, where old friends and acquaintances had an opportunity to reminisce.

In May of 1946, Mr. Ward left the pastorate and was succeeded by Mr. A. G. McDowell, who is now principal of the Baptist Training Institute (BTI) in Brantford.

(to be continued)

WHAT'S THE POINT?

It has been said that church folk form a neat little club which is barely keeping alive the rumour that there is a God.

We have become institutionalized. We have not dispersed our faith. Paul Tillich once said that every believer ought to go into exile, for that is where men are without God.

This means that the church should not organize herself merely for survival, as she is doing today. Her task is not simply to keep herself going, but to disseminate the life and power and Lordship of Jesus Christ, in the streets and places where men work.

"The Church," said Archbishop Temple, "exists for those who never come near it."

This means that all of us in the church must do an "about turn" in our thinking. We must redefine our task by recovering the pattern of the New Testament church.

What is the role of the minister, and what is the function of the church member today?

Firstly, the minister is a pastoral director. It is his task to shepherd the flock. But his sheep are not meant merely to be receivers of a service; they must also be the givers of it.

Every member is called to be a pastor. A woman once said to her minister, "I am disappointed that you have not called to see Mrs. Able, who has been ill."

"I know it," said the minister, "but tell me, have you?" It was her task as much as his, because we are all pastors in the church.

Secondly, the minister is a spiritual coach. A football coach will teach his men the science of the game. The minister's task is also to instruct his team, and to

weld the members together to play the best game possible for God.

The congregation is not meant to sit in the bleachers, watching and possibly criticizing the players.

Those in the congregation are the players whose task it is to play the game.

They go to church to worship God, and are instructed to be His ambassadors to men. From there on the church, through them, moves out into the arena to make the most effective plays for Christ. Through them men and women are won to Him.

Thirdly, the minister's task is that of a teaching overseer. We translate "overseer" in the Bible by the term "bishop", who is a foreman of a type, and who oversees the work being carried out by the congregation.

The minister is not the only minister in the church. He is the man who enables the church to be the ministers in the world.

This is the vision which every church member must recapture today, if the church is to be God's saving instrument to mankind. Like her Lord she must also say, "I have come not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

John Wesley once said, "If I had 300 men who feared nothing but God, and hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him, I would set the world on fire."

The world will be set on fire for Christ when every member is born again of His Spirit and inspired by His cross to be His prophet, His pastor and His evangelist to mankind.

Rev. Walter Kennedy,
St. Enoch's Presbyterian
Church,
Hamilton, Ontario.

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Dear Friends:

A Happy New Year to You All!

Another Christmas season is almost behind us, the time which brings families and friends together. We hope you had a good Christmas.

The churches look back to successful Christmas Concerts. We were filled to capacity; more than a 100 assembled in each church. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of teachers and scholars, we enjoyed inspiring programs. In Mountsberg 123 people fared sumptuously at the annual church supper. Many thanks, ladies.

On Dec. 23, the Westover Young People went about carol singing. The collected canned goods were given to the Children's Aid Society for distribution to needy families. Pray for a new Y.P.'s leader. They will not be able to meet again until a new adult leader is found.

Figures: Annual canvass for the Canadian Bible Society in Mountsberg, Freelon and Strabane: \$375. UNICEF collections: We. \$4.; Mo. ca. \$32.

Recently, East Flamboro elected the first consolidated school board for the township. The new trustees seek your attendance at regular meetings, which will be announced in the papers. If you are concerned for the education of your children, take your suggestions and criticism to the next school board meeting.

People in the News

We send special good wishes to you in the hospital: Mrs. F. Mast, Mrs. R. McPherson and little David, Josh. Allison, John Gilmour, and Elwood Patton.

Best wishes to the newliweds: Lois (Watson) and Dennis Mitchell on Nov. 7; to our new citizen David Roswell (Dec. 30) and his thankful parents Marilyn and

My Dates . . . (Clip and save)

Jan. 6 LADIES' AID: at 8.30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. R. Hewins

Jan. 15 8 FAMILY NIGHT: at 8 p.m. All welcome. Games for children.

Jan. 26 7 ANNUAL MEETING. You will be advised of the date. 8pm

Feb. 3 LADIES' AID: at 2.30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. A. Page.

Feb. 5 FAMILY NIGHT: at 8 p.m.

Feb. 7 CHRISTIAN YOUTH SUNDAY: Special Speaker.

Every first Sunday: Communion Serv.

Every Friday at 7: Choir Practice. New members welcome.

Jan. 13 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 pm Hostess: Mrs. J. Yovanov.

Jan. 18 ANNUAL MEETING: 8 p.m. at the church. Do come.

Feb. 7 CHRISTIAN YOUTH SUNDAY: Special Speaker.

Feb. 10 WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE: 2 pm Hostess: Mrs. Ivan McDonough

Every second Sun.: Communion Serv.

Every Monday 7-8.15: Brownies (that is, girls, ages 8-11)

Roswell McPherson; to Ken and Trudy Mills and their six children, who on Nov. 8 dedicated their youngest, Joel Adam, to God.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Hughie Wigood, who died on December 19th.

Seasonal Scripture Text

(thinking of all our church activities, especially the forthcoming Annual Meetings)

"I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

(Matthew 18:19f)

In January of 1948, Mr. McDowell received a call to Cobourg, but before leaving he had the honour of presenting Mr. Charles Mount with a gold-initialled wallet in recognition of 29 years as church clerk at Mountsburg.

In April of the same year, Student John E. Thomas -- now of McMaster University staff -- became the new pastor. Under his ministry a joint Young People's Union (B.Y.P.U.) was organized, and a number of young people in both churches accepted Christ as Saviour.

In 1952 we regretfully accepted Mr. Thomas' resignation, and a call was extended to Mr. Rubin Bonney. During his brief stay of two years, he made some improvements to the parsonage, and several were baptized and received into the churches. Mr. Bonney left in May 1954, following an appointment by the Foreign Mission Board for service in Bolivia.

Wm. Bidewell

Bonney, and at new members were bathroom and water stalled in the Pastor Bidewell he was a mission-Angola, Africa. Vacation Bible in both churches introduced at

In May 1956 came to our field our best loved the communities. well-equipped rooms were built, installed, while church was top to bottom, for goes to the congregation, who loving labour to tasks. In Jan. incorporated ship into their received six new Lowrie electric chased during this

In the the Grimsby Church gave Mr. Glendinning a call, and Mr. R. F. Coupland came to us from McMaster Divinity College. During this pastorate, at Westover the hill beside the church was graded down and a fine parking lot made. Also a new pulpit Bible was given by the Mann family in memory of Mr. Harold Mann.



Arthur G. McDowell
1946 - 1948

succeeded Rubin Mountsburg eight received, and a system were in-parsonage. When left us in 1956, ary elect for During his stay, Schools were begun and open Communion Mountsburg. Roland Glendinning and became one of pastors, by all in At Westover, new, Sunday School an oil furnace at Mountsburg the redecorated from which much credit bers of the con-gave hours of accomplish these 1959, Mountsburg Associate Member-constitution, and members. Also a organ was pur-pastorate.

spring of 1959,

(one more part to follow)

My life shall touch a dozen lives,
Before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good
or ill,
Ere sets the evening sun.
This then, the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray,-
Let my life help the other lives
It touches by the way.

Church Notice Board
at Fareham, England

"If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then a lot of people in this area are fondly in love with their church." (Seen by F. Holden)

"Sunday after Sunday some of the men in my husband's congregation slept during the sermon. Finally he asked one of the deacons why he dozed. The old gentleman laughed and said, "Son, look at it this way: we couldn't sleep each Sunday, if we didn't trust you."

Six Keys To Family Happiness

A happy home requires a lot of warmth and intimacy and moral and spiritual teaching and example. The following questions penetrate the heart of it:

1. Do you know where your children are and who their companions are?

2. Do you take pains in your home to share news and views together?

3. Are you a fair but firm disciplinarian?

4. Do you spend enough time with your children?

5. Do you set an example you will be proud to have your children follow?

6. Do you stress spiritual values to your family?

If a Child...

If a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight.
If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with fear,
he learns to be apprehensive.
If a child lives with jealousy,
he learns to hate.
If a child lives with self-pity,
he learns to be sorry for himself.
If a child lives with encouragement,
he learns self-confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
he learns to be appreciative.
If a child lives with acceptance,
he learns to love.
If a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice.
If a child lives with honesty,
he learns what truth is.
If a child lives with friendliness,
he learns that the world is a
nice place in which to live.

What Will Our Children Call It?

Our great-grandfathers called it
the Holy Sabbath;
Our grandfathers called it
the Sabbath;
Our fathers call it Sunday;
And we call it week-end!

Psalm CXXI

Unto the hills around do I lift up
My longing eyes:

0 whence for me shall my salvation
come,

From whence arise?

From God the Lord doth come

From God the Lord my certain aid,
who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot
be moved:

Safe shalt thou be.

MOUNTSBERG

Baptist
Church

WESTOVER

Hours of WorshipMountsberg - 10.15
Westover - 11.40

NEWSLETTER

Sunday SchoolMountsberg - 11.15
Westover - 11.15

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Dear Friends:

There has not been a NEWSLETTER since January and we hope it finds you well. It comes to you with many good wishes and prayers from your "home" church. If you are a newcomer in the community, we heartily welcome you to the little church on the hill. Do come and visit us that you may get to know us.

This NEWSLETTER contains the last instalment of "The Saga of Our Churches". Miss Eba Haines -- Eba -- wrote for us this lively account of our Spirit-guided history. We hope it lifted your heart and faith. At our Anniversary Services in September you may obtain a complete copy of the Saga.

With this issue the NEWSLETTER will probably be discontinued. As your pastor enters his last yr. of college the preparation of the paper is too time-consuming. It would be nice if someone could be found, who would take over the job of editing the NEWSLETTER. It would be a very gratifying task for someone (retired?) who has a little time on his hands. Others could do the typing, printing, and mailing. I am sure you would want to join me in thanking all who had a part in making this NEWSLETTER possible: Mrs. A. Page (typing), Mrs. I. McDonough (typing), Miss E. Haines, Mr. Ralph Christianson (mailing), and the following for literary contributions: Mrs. A. Hewins, Miss Linda Hewins, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Mr. F. Holden, and Mr. Lorne George.

Annual Meetings

Both churches held their annual meetings in January with good attendance. There were no baptisms in '64, but in spite of the removal of a number of young adults (marriage, etc.) we are encouraged by the increasing

attendance and offerings. The total active and inactive membership stands at 34 in Mountsberg and 35 in Westover. M. now provides Nursery facilities and W. a monthly worship service for the whole Sunday school. M. raised the pastor's salary by \$100. W. assumed an extra burden of \$75 by reducing the grant received from the Department of Canadian Missions to \$325. We have also decided to provide the pastor with group health insurance (\$48). See the statement.

Personal Notes

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Allan Wingrove on the arrival of Michael Allan, Feb. 10, and to the George Chesters on the birth of a baby girl, Jan. 15. On June 13, David Roswell McPherson will be dedicated to God by his parents. Mr. Douglas Wingrove was elected President of the Flamboro and Waterdown Agricultural Society.

Dates To Remember

Church Picnics: both churches June 26, (M. at Kelso Dam). Mountsberg Meth. Church service: June 20 at 11. Anniversary Services: Westover's 120th Sep. 19 with the Rev. Prof. I. C. Morgan; M. on Sep. 26 with Rev. R. Glendinning. Special after-church bring-your-lunch meeting: to plan for our 120th Anniversary, at Westover, May 30. Vacation Bible School is being planned for both churches in August. A Baptismal Service will be held in Mountsberg in the near future. If you wish to be baptized, please get in touch with the pastor.

Our Scripture Text (Psalm 20:7)

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Lord our God."

Part Fourteen

THE SAGA OF OUR CHURCHES

(by Eba Haines)

In October of 1961, Mr. Coupland was obliged to give up the charge for health reasons, and Mr. George Rath, the present pastor, became the new minister. At Westover, two items of interest have occurred since; namely, the 80th Anniversary of the Mission Circle and the erection of a new cement platform and church. They were built by the late Mrs. Ella Nicholson forgot the "old home" installation of new At this time, Mountsburg made extensive improve- (thanks to many willing tions to the membership.



Rubin Bonney
1952 - 1954

steps at the front of the with funds from a bequest Elizabeth Steele, who never church. Another bequest by was put to good use: the aluminum front doors. acquired a new oil furnace, ments to the parsonage workers), and some addi-

And so we close our much has been omitted of ful service and servants, ache --, but while the beneficial, we must not turn our eyes to the harvest fields awaiting be sown" by us? What of that we be His witnesses?

"Saga". Of necessity, accomplishments, of faith- of joy -- and of heart- retrospective view is dwell on the past, but future. What of the us? What of the "seed to the Master's commission

Let us derive from the past the lessons of courage, fidelity, and consecration, which enabled our forefathers to give us the heritage that is ours, and which we too must pass on to those who follow in our train: that the "light of the glorious gospel in Christ Jesus" be not extin- guished in our midst.

So, let us go on with our Lord
To the fulness of God He has brought:
Unsearchable riches of glory and good
Exceeding our uttermost thought.
Let us grow up into Christ,
Claiming His life and its powers, -
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our conquering Lord has made ours.
- Annie Johnson Flint

Example or Precept

I'd rather see a sermon
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me
Than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing,
But example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers
Are men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action
Is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it,
If you'll let me see it done:
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver
May be just and right and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons
By observing what you do.
I may not learn the precepts
That you are glad to give,
But there'll be no mistaking
How you act and how you live.

- Anon.

I Would Believe

O Thou brave Son of Man,
Who learned by all Thou sufferedst
how to obey,
Teach us, Thy lesser brothers,
The meaning of the will of God
In this our troublous day.
Thou hast promised
That if any man would do
the Father's will,
He shall have light.
Out of weakness and irresolution
we claim that promise.
Share with us some measure
of Thy valour,
That we may do our Father's will.
Come Thou to us, O lord,
In every storm of temptation,
In every tedious stretch of work,
In every day of doubt,
In every night of suffering,
Remind, empower, and direct us.
We would believe,
Help Thou our unbelief:
Remember no more our false pretense,
And enable us to find our freedom
In obedience unto Thee.

- George Stewart.

The Shining Moment

One Sunday I was entertained in
the farm home of a member of a rural
church. I was impressed by the in-
telligence and unusually good beha-
viour of the only child in the home,
a four-year-old boy.

Then I discovered one reason for
the child's charm. The mother was
at the kitchen sink, washing the
intricate parts of the cream sepa-
rator when the little fellow came to
her with a magazine. "Mother," he
asked, "what is this man in the pic-
ture doing?" To my surprise, she
dried her hands, sat down in a chair
and taking the boy in her lap she
spent ten minutes answering his
questions.

After the child had left I com-
mented on her having interrupted her
chores to answer the boy's question,
saying, "Most mothers wouldn't have
bothered."

"I expect to be washing cream se-
parators for the rest of my life,"
she told me, "but never again will
my son ask me that question!"

- Rev. H. F. Stoddard.

"To know how your children turn out,
observe when they turn in."
"Face the sunshine, and the shadows
will fall behind you."

A Red, Red Rose

O my luve's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O my luve's like a melodie,
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in luve am I;
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve!
And fare thee weel awhile!
And I will come again, my luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile!

- Robbie Burns.